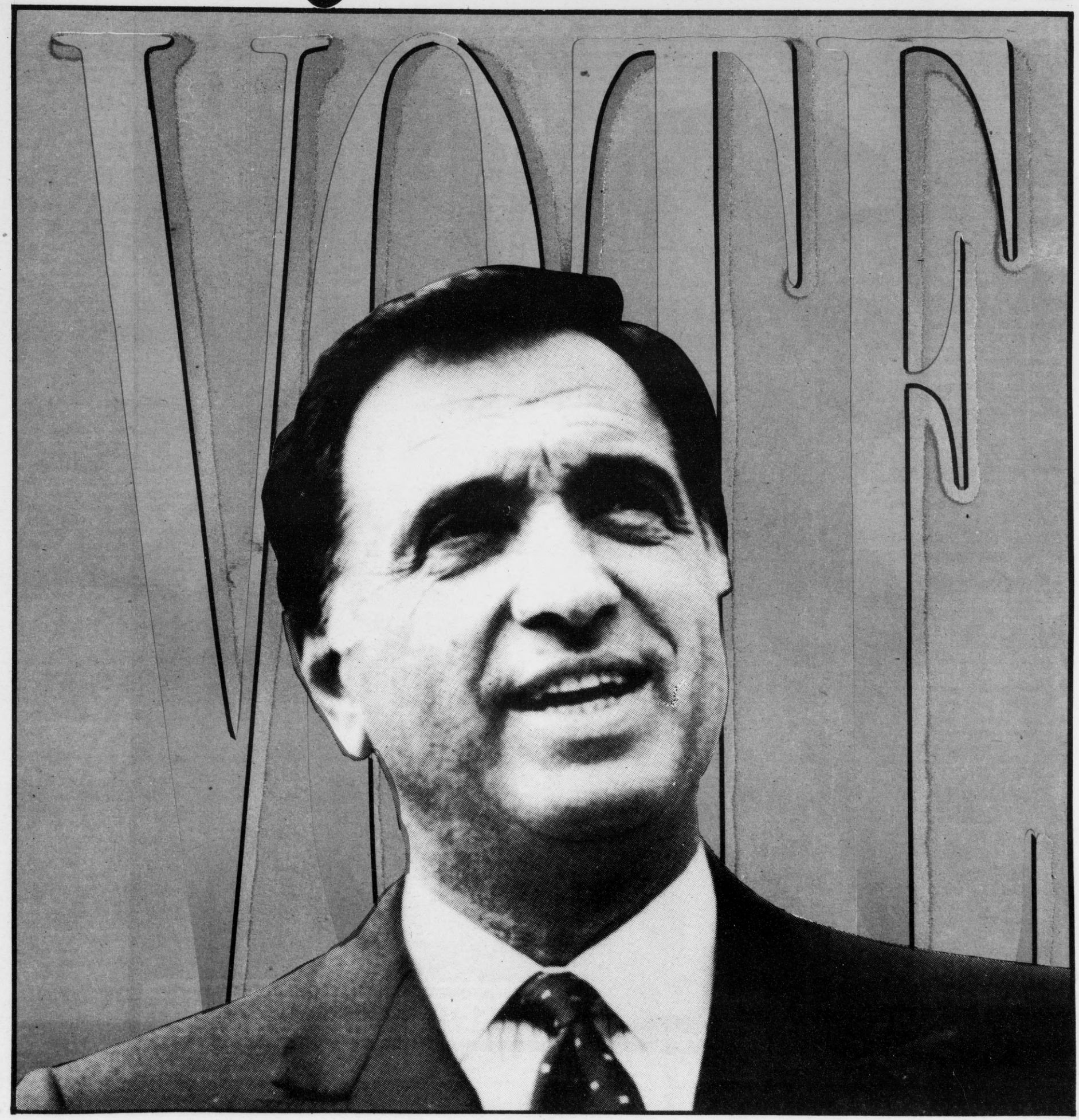
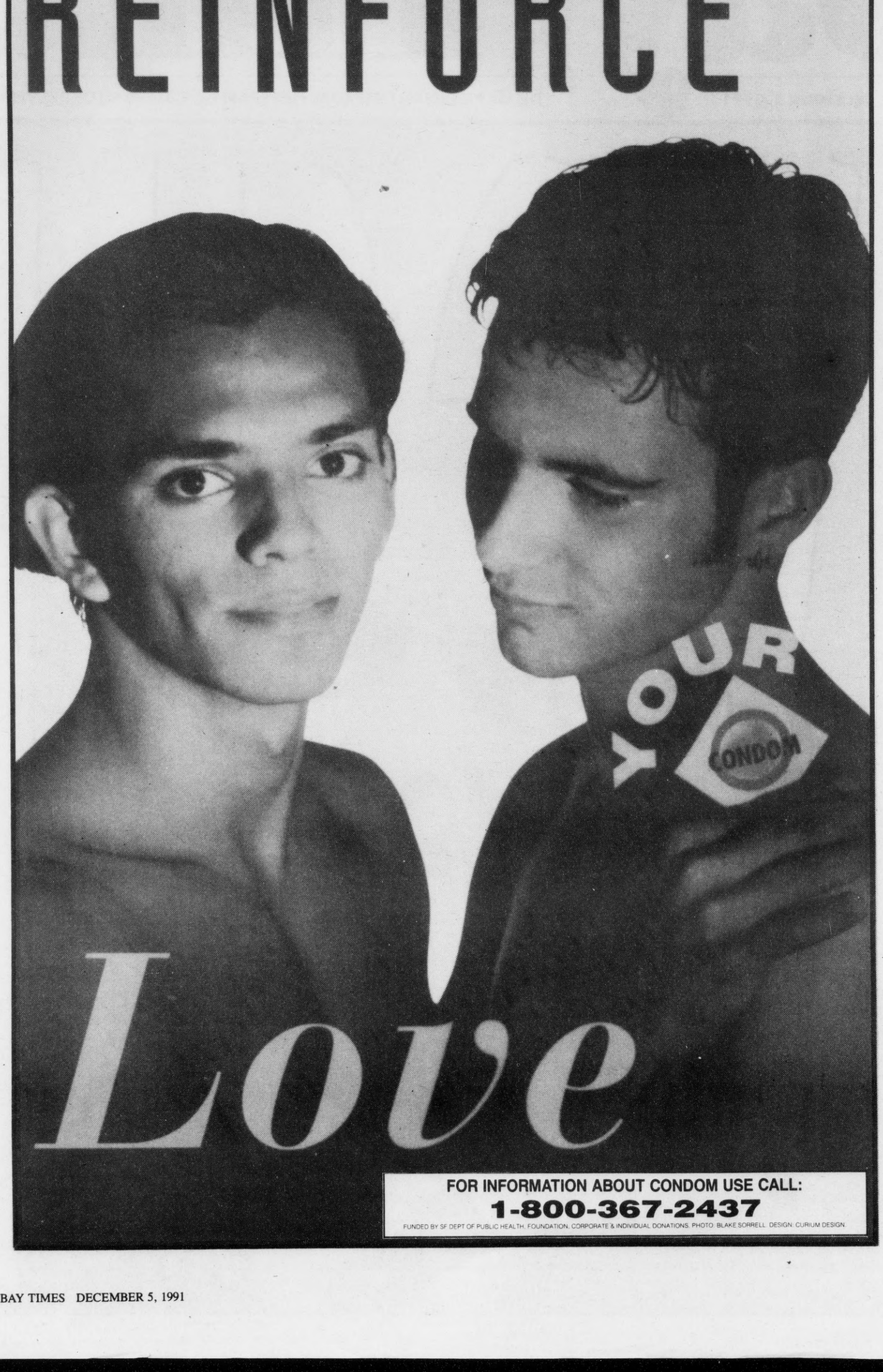
SAN FRANCISCO
Bay Times

VOL. 13 NO. 6, DECEMBER 5, 1991

THE GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL NEWSPAPER & CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA



REINFORCE



Love

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CONDOM USE CALL:

1-800-367-2437

FUNDED BY SF DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOUNDATION, CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS. PHOTO: BLAKE SORRELL. DESIGN: CURIUM DESIGN.

LETTERS

Disintegration Of the Women's Community

I'd like to express my concern for what I perceive as the disintegration of the women's community, and the scary turn the gay community, as a whole, has taken. While I understand the reasons for concern over the AIDS epidemic, I feel like the lesbian community has been so focused on this one issue that we do not even realize what is happening to our own community. With the closing of Amelia's, there is not one women's bar left in San Francisco. Look at everything we've lost in the last few years: Every other women's bar, including the Bay Brick, Peg's Place, Maud's, A Little More and Ollie's, Other women's space like the Artemis and A Woman's Place Bookstore. Olivia Records books more cruises than concerts nowadays, and even Holly Near seems to spend more time acting both on stage and television than performing the women's music that made her famous. Remember when we even had our own newspapers?

It seems like the bonds that once held our community together are gone. We used to find our similarities, and now, there is so much infighting in the lesbian/gay community, all we seem to see are our differences. The AB101 riot is a prime example. It split the community into those of us who believe in peaceful demonstration, and those who believe that anything is acceptable to achieve our goals. I do not agree with the arson and physical violence that occurred that night, but what I find even more distressing were the tactics employed by some to keep others' mouths shut. The signs in the Castro, following the riot, that called for "no apologies, no snitches" seemed to me to be saying that "not only are we not going to take responsibility for our actions, but we will intimidate others, and not allow them their First Amendment right to speak up." How did we let all of this happen?

Name Withheld
Oakland

Support the School Tax

I am writing in support of Proposition A, the temporary sales tax election which would raise $20 million for the San Francisco public schools.

Following the 1989 earthquake, a special nonpermanent sales tax was passed to help with all the damage that occurred in our facilities. After Pete Wilson's vicious cuts and attacks on public schools, we are left with damage to teaching staff and curriculum equal to any earthquake.

Proposition A will allow for the restoration of counselors and libraries. These are especially important to our gay and lesbian students. The horrendous threat of layoffs for many of our gay and lesbian teachers will again rear its ugly head without these funds. This is what I call a "Hail Mary" tax; in the 17-month breathing room it will give us, we will be able to come up with a more progressive tax reform. If you spent $10,000 in purchases only $25 would go to the tax. This is a first step on the way to local control and the repeal of Proposition 13.

Join Art Agnos, the teachers union and Gay and Lesbian United Educators in support of Proposition A on Dec. 10.

Tom Ammiano
Vice President
Board of Education

Yes on Proposition A

The two of us may not agree on the mayor's race, but as trustees of City College of San Francisco, we do agree on what we need to do for the children of our city.

San Francisco voters have an opportunity with the December ballot to make measureable progress in improving public education in the City. Proposition A is an emergency and temporary sales tax that is expected to raise $21 million in its short duration. Money from the quarter-cent tax would be given to the City's two public education institutions: the K-12 system and the community college, City College of San Francisco.

Passage of Proposition A ought to be the goal of the entire community.

The complex problems now confronting the public schools have received much publicity. Grade school teachers have been laid off, sports and music programs have been deleted from the budget, and libraries have been starved. The community college has seen a startling 14 percent increase in enrollment, without a corresponding increase in funding from the state government. The growing college population has placed a heavy burden on the enormous and vital array of classes, and on services such as counseling and childcare for students who also are parents. More than 12,000 residents have had no choice but to sit on waiting lists for English language classes. They need language skills to move up the job ladder, which also would generate more income for the City. In addition, tuition increases and class reduction at UC Berkeley and SF State University have placed City College in the role of bottom net for many college-bound students caught in the squeeze, particularly individuals from working families.

The temporary sales tax increase is not intended to be a permanent solution for the schools, but without a doubt, the money will help heal the damage our schools and children have suffered in recent years. The taxpayers and voters already have stated their commitment to education. Unfortunately for students, the governor acted against popular sentiment and was unable to provide the full funding guaranteed under Proposition 98, a measure that sets the level of funding for education.

We cannot take our schools for granted and simply *hope* that the situation will get better. There are 60,000 students in the K-12 schools who need a chance to become problem solvers, and another 85,000 students at City College from age 18 to 80 who want to increase their knowledge and skills to make better lives for themselves while broadening their contributions to the community. Far too many students attend crowded classes and study with inadequate materials in dilapidated buildings.

From a broad perspective, numerous studies have proven the link between education, economics and the quality of life. For society's sake, we need to move forward on an opportunity like Proposition A and follow through on our commitment to education. Local action does make a difference.

Voters who are skeptical about the issue of education funding are welcome to take a closer look at all the things the public schools want to do and are trying to do. Visit the computer labs and literature classes in the high schools. Leaf through the course schedule from City College and discover the institution's vast resource of learning: We teach people how to repair aircraft engines, operate high-tech computer software, learn about trade and exports, prepare for four-year universities, and study for citizenship tests.

Every day, at hundreds of sites across the City, students young and old go to school. These students are our neighbors, the children down the street, and ourselves. We are not easily reminded of the wonderful activities going on inside the school walls everywhere in the community, or the gravity of making our system work. That is, until the system has collapsed.

We are not helpless in our formidable task of producing a literate, efficient, thoughtful society. We simply need to think about our grandchildren when we consider paying a few extra pennies at the cash register.

And remember: By law the tax cannot be extended beyond 18 months, when we anticipate the recession to end. This is a strategic plan based on an impending crisis—not a Band-aid that will fall off in 1994.

Mabel Teng, Trustee
Robert Varni, Trustee
City College of San Francisco

Frank Jordan Speaks

An open letter to the lesbian & gay community:

San Francisco is the most diverse city in the United States. For generations, the City has welcomed people of different races, religions, cultures, philosophies and sexual orientations. For decades, San Francisco has also been the most tolerant city in the country. Unfortunately over the last few years we have seen a rise in intolerance and an increasingly polarized political atmosphere in our great city.

During my career as a law enforcement officer, I worked hard to establish a framework of communication and trust in every neighborhood in the City.

As your Chief of Police, I worked equally hard to uphold San Francisco's traditions of diversity and tolerance. During my tenure I hired and promoted more lesbians and gay officers than all my predecessors combined.

While I worked hard to reach out to the community, I know that things were far from perfect. In particular, two years later there is still lingering anger and misunderstanding surrounding the events of Oct. 6, 1989. That night, members of the AIDS activist group ACT UP, held a demonstration protesting the Mayor's AIDS funding priorities and his ball park initiative. Regrettably, some of the police officers on the scene used poor judgment and a peaceful demonstration turned ugly. Far from defending the "Castro Sweep," I took immediate action to discipline the officers responsible. Consequently, one Deputy Chief retired, another was officially reprimanded, and a Commander was suspended without pay for 45 days.

Now I am running for Mayor of San Francisco. During this campaign, I have worked hard to reach out to the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. I have spent many weekend afternoons at Castro and 18th Street talking with gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens about their concerns. I have attended dozens of community forums and debates and met with community leaders from every neighborhood. And yes, I went to the Castro on Sept. 30 to demonstrate my support of AB101. The unfortunate events which followed are well documented, and my missing loafer has become something of a *cause celebre*. Nevertheless, I still believe the governor should have signed the gay civil rights bill, and I will continue to speak out on issues of gay empowerment.

This election is a watershed for San Francisco. At stake is nothing less than the future of San Francisco. Art Agnos' machine has stolen from each of us a personal piece of San Francisco.

Now it's time to restore this city's luster. As your Mayor I will work closely with your community and every community to give city government back to the people of San Francisco. When I am Mayor, I won't dictate to the gay community, I will listen. I don't expect everyone to agree with me during this campaign; I only hope to receive a fair hearing and to conduct an open, unfettered debate on the future priorities and direction of city government. I ask you to join me in reaching out, to meet me half way. Working together, we *can* get San Francisco back on track.

Frank Jordan
San Francisco

Folks Who Brought Us Pete Wilson

Last night I walked into one of the friendlier bars in our community—one that's usually full of people talking, camping, playing pool and listening to a good jukebox. Though people were there, it was eerily silent. I did a double-take.

Up front was one of the leading lights of the Republican Central Committee and the Log Cabin Republican Club. You know them—the folks who told us Pete Wilson was our friend and not a captive of the right wing. Not far behind was a herd of suits and shoulders who looked like they intended never again to be this close to lesbians and gay men.

Tucked underneath them was former Police Chief Frank Jordan, who wants to be our Mayor. He might just make it if enough people go for his soothing Reagan-like voice, proper masculine handshake, and nervous hint of a smile.

That's *right*...the people who brought us Pete Wilson are bringing us Frank Jordan. Different name, same game. One patron called it the "friendly face of fascism."

We can't afford to be fooled again. Seldom has a choice been clearer. Will we spend four years on the double defensive or will we get on with the already difficult challenges we face as a community?

Vote on Tuesday, Dec. 10. It makes a big difference.

Better yet, request an absentee ballot in advance. Everyone is eligible. You can get an absentee by writing to or stopping by the Registrar's office on the first floor of City Hall or by calling 554-4375. You can also get one from Agnos HQ's at 810 Van Ness, 346-0800. It's a great hedge against traffic, a rainy day, a bad day at work, a 49ers loss, or the time you want to spend with a new whatever.

Richard Allman
San Francisco

(continued on page 20)

LETTER INFO:

Deadline for letters to appear in the December 19 issue is December 13. Please type and double-space letters if at all possible. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. All letters must provide a name, address *and* phone number for verification. We will not publish anonymous letters or letters submitted only with pseudonyms, but will withhold your name on request.

SAN FRANCISCO **Bay Times**

288 7th Street, San Francisco CA 94103
PHONE: (415) 626-8121 FAX: (415) 626-0629
OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm

S T A F F

Publisher/Editor: Kim Corsaro
Calendar Editor: Maxine Morris
Reporter: Tim Kingston
Copy Editors: Patrick Brennan, Susan Mather
Proofreader: Carolyn Keating
Advertising Director: Timothy S. Tattan
Account Executive: Thomas Starr
Business Manager: Ann Rostow
Voice Mail Manager: Greta Christina
Receptionist: Miss Niq Shelbi
Production: Tim Hixon, Andrea Kassof
Glenn Caley Bachmann
Design: Jose Dumas
Massage Therapist: Bob Kokott
Bookkeeping: Jean Nelson
Distribution/Delivery: Vikki Dow, Elyse Graham, Ron Holladay, Laurie Lis, Scott Millican
Subscriptions: Shawn Dirks, Drew Timoffee

C O N T R I B U T O R S

Writers: Don Baird, Alison Bechdel, Victoria Brownworth, Michele DeRanleau, Karen Lee Erlichman, Jack Fertig, Dave Ford, Kenny Fries, Dean Goodman, Bo Huston, John S. James, Tom S. Kelley, Sheila Koren, Brett McDonnell, Rick Osmun, Val C. Phoenix, Gene Price, Louise Rafkin, Ggreg Deborah Taylor, Randy Turoff, Lori Ubell, Merry Winslow.

Photographers/Illustrators: Bonnie Daley, Jane Philomen Cleland, Mark Geller, Rink, Winthrop Prince.

A D V E R T I S I N G

Display Advertising: Rate cards are available by calling 626-8121 or by writing S.F. Bay Times.
Classified Advertising: Refer to the order form in "Open Exchange." No classified advertising can be taken over the phone. Deadline is 6PM the Friday preceding publication. For display classified information, please call the advertising manager.
Personal Advertising: Refer to the order form in the "Personal" section. No personal advertising can be taken over the phone. Deadline is 6PM the Friday preceding publication.

C A L E N D A R

Performers clubs, individuals or groups who want to list events should mail or fax notices so that they reach us by 6PM the Friday prior to publication. We cannot take listings by phone.

Next Publication Date: Dec 19
Next Deadline: Dec 13

The San Francisco Bay Times/Coming Up! is published by Coming Up! Inc. as a community service. All material © 1990 by Coming Up!, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprint by written permission only. Publication of the names, photographs or likeness of any person, organization, event or business in The San Francisco Bay Times/Coming Up! cannot be taken as any indication of the sexual orientation of the person, organization, event or business. The SF Bay Times is a member of the Gay/Lesbian Press Association

SUBSCRIBE!

DON'T MISS A SINGLE COPY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TIMES!

☐ Regular Sub (26 issues) $54
☐ Regular Sub (18 issues) $36
☐ Disabled & Seniors (26 issues) $39
☐ Disabled & Seniors (18 issues) $27

All subscriptions mailed first class in plain white envelopes. Our subscription list is confidential.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: SF Bay Times, 288 7th St, SF 94103

Financial Help Now, When You Need It

LIVING WITH HIV is costly. You may need money for experimental treatment, long-term care, or even a once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation. Your life insurance policy may be the asset you can use to meet these financial challenges.

NEUMA CAN HELP by converting your policy of $10,000 or more to cash, with rates based on the severity of your illness. If you have 24 months or less to live, you may be eligible. Lump-sum payments range up to 95 percent of the policy's full value for people in hospice programs and often are made in as little as 24 hours.

OUR STAFF UNDERSTANDS the special needs of people living with HIV. We will respond quickly and in strict confidence to help meet your financial needs.

For information, call
1-800-HLP-STAT
(1-800-457-7828)
or write to Neuma at
401 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois 60605-9807.

Neuma is an independent corporation that purchases all types of life insurance policies. Neuma meets or exceeds the privacy laws in the states in which it does business. Your inquiry will be kept strictly confidential.

Neuma

The polls show that Agnos holds a huge lead among gay/lesbian/bisexual voters, as well he should. But they also show Jordan with a lead among those "most like to vote" in the general electorate. In order for Agnos to win this election, we have to get out and vote in droves.

The future of San Francisco is in the hands of our community.

Vote!!

Tuesday, Dec. 10

The Mayor in his office with his gay/lesbian/bisexual appointees and aides. Photo by Marc Geller. Cover photo by Marc Geller.

Art Agnos For Mayor

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the voters of San Francisco are faced with a clear choice: to return a liberal-to-progressive mayor to office, or to take a sharp turn to the right, and elect a conservative, ex-police chief.

For the last month, much of the campaign election coverage in the daily press has focused on style: Agnos' "mean, vindictive streak" vs. Jordan's "Mr. Nice Guy" image.

But that's only an issue of image—and the reality is that the two men couldn't be more different in the substance of what they offer San Francisco.

Reality is that Agnos has learned a great deal about governing San Francisco. Because of his ten years in the California Assembly, he understands the legislative process. To the gay community, especially, this represents an enormous advantage: simply put, Art Agnos knows how to work the system to get money out of the state and the feds for the City. That means money for AIDS. It also means money for other programs, such as Agnos' long-range plan to help the homeless achieve self-sufficiency, which has drawn national attention for its innovative approach. And it means money for other important quality-of-life issues: rebuilding the infrastructure, dealing with the Embarcadero, and so forth.

Reality is that Jordan's entire career has been spent in the police department. His longest tenure at anything is organizing neighborhood watch programs. He will be starting from absolute ground zero should he land in the Mayor's office. He knows little about the machinations and administration of government. He claims to want to make everything "better," but he'll be re-inventing the wheel, as he has no experience in developing anything. Remember that Jordan started this campaign with a pledge to "relocate" the homeless into forced labor camps. Remember that at the police department Jordan was known as a "hands-off" adminstrator—in the style of Ronald Reagan—who frequently let his subordinates run the show. Remember that it took Jordan until Wednesday, December 4, less than one week before the run-off, to even come up with a program on AIDS.

Reality is that Agnos has appointed more sexual, racial and social minorities to meaningful city positions than any other mayor in the United States. Reality is that Agnos has shown more support for the gay community than any other heterosexual mayor—anywhere—in history. Agnos has been at the side of the gay community since long before it was politically popular or expedient to do so. And in a city where supposedly we've been an acknowledged minority for a long time, it wasn't until Art Agnos took office that the Mayor of San Francisco rode in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade—bringing along his wife and his children to ride with him for the occasion.

Reality is that Jordan's claim that he recruited women and minorities for the police department is a bit specious. To the extent that he did, he was under court order to do so. But more to the point: in the early 1980s in San Francisco, *long before Jordan became chief*, the police department used to actively advertise in the gay press to recruit women and minorities. *Under Chief Jordan, that practice did not continue*, while at the same time the Fire Deparment and Sheriff's Department have continued to advertise actively for minority recruits. Reality is that as Police Chief, Frank Jordan never bothered to march in the Parade.

Reality is that Art Agnos is a committed liberal, supporting issues long dear to the progressive agenda: vacancy control, compassionate treatment of the homeless, minority rights and empowerment, affordable housing, senior programs, etc., etc.

Reality is that Frank Jordan has developed a strategy to call himself a liberal for the benefit of this campaign, but he is not. Unlike former Chief McNamara in San Jose, or other liberal police chiefs with national reputations, Jordan did nothing to distinguish himself as remotely progressive during his tenure as police chief.

Reality is that Art Agnos has made mistakes. The difficulties and disillusionments that have been raised have shaken his administration to the core. *SF Bay Times* believes that he has learned from those mistakes. Agnos is not a saint, but if he internalizes some of the valid criticisms that have been levied at him and learns to listen a little better, to work more at forging agreement among his natural allies—and his regular opponents—he could truly emerge as a great Mayor. His heart and inclinations are naturally in the right place.

Reality is that Frank Jordan has shown he knows how to listen—to Quentin Kopp, to Jack Davis, to the conservative homeowners west of Twin Peaks who fear the faggots are taking over San Francisco. Reality is that Jordan, too, has made mistakes. Although he's rarely been in a position to develop a track record on much of anything, we have seen some of the fruits of his style: namely, the Castro Sweep, October 1989.

The Castro Sweep, as much as anything on Jordan's record, damns his ability to govern: Did he know about it in advance? He should have stopped it. Wasn't he able to? If he didn't know, why not? How could he possibly have missed the massing of a small army of riot squad and motorcyle cops under his nose? What made his subordinates think they could get away with it? Why did "Mr. Nice Guy" make his brother—who hasn't spoken to him since—the fall guy for the whole operation?

There's one other reality, and that's the issue of what our so-called "progressive allies" have done since the November election. Angela Alioto and Dick Hongisto, and some of their supporters, have remained silent, refusing to endorse or work for either candidate. This creates some sort of illusion that there really isn't any difference between Agnos and Jordan, but that simply isn't true. They know damn well that a vote for Frank Jordan represents the end of a progressive era of politics in San Francisco. Yet for all of their espousal of progressive causes they have remained silent, refusing to put aside personal differences for the greater community good.

At a time that should represent bridge-building and fence-mending, Hongisto and Alioto have failed to act. And the opportunity has been there. Witness Supervisor Carole Migden, a long-time foe of Agnos, who because she didn't support him for mayor in '87, has received little support from his adminstration and has frequently been undermined by it. Yet shortly after the November election, she announced her support for Agnos, and has emerged as a strong voice for his re-election.

The polls show that Agnos holds a huge lead among gay/lesbian/bisexual voters, as well he should. But they also show Jordan with a lead among the general electorate when only those "most like to vote" are counted. In order for Agnos to win this election, we have to turn out to the polls in droves.

The future of San Francisco is in the hands of our community. A vote for Agnos preserves the progress we have made, preserves our future. Staying at home, not voting, is no different than casting a ballot for Jordan, who represents everything our community has good reason to fear.

Don't miss this opportunity. Get out and vote for Art Agnos, Tuesday, December 10.

Prop A: Yes

Prop A calls for the addition of a quarter-cent temporary sales tax for the next 17 months to provide much-needed funding to a financially parched school system. Although in the past *SF Bay Times* has been loathe to endorse a regressive tax such as this, this is one time that we just can't wait for the California legislature to get off its duff and fund our education systems properly. To a resident of San Francisco, it means an additional outlay of only $25 for every $10,000 he or she spends. But to a student in the SF Unified School District, it could make a life-altering difference, with the addition of school counselors, increased access to libraries, and the restoral of other "extra"-curricular programs that most of us as kids growing up in the public school system took for granted as part of the enrichment of our education. Vote Yes on Prop A.

DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT LAWSUITS !

- more efficiently
- with less cost
- respecting the real needs of the parties
- in a confidential setting

KIM HARMON, J.D.
CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES

(415)285-4537
CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A FREE BROCHURE

SAN FRANCISCO AUTO REPAIR CENTER

Foreign and Domestic Auto Repairs
(415) 285-8588

- NOW OPEN 7 DAYS
- Dependable Work—Honest Prices
- Basic Auto Repair Classes
- A Community-Oriented People's Garage
- Men & Women Mechanics
- Official California Smog Station

611 Florida Street (near 18th Street) • San Francisco 94110

$10.00 Off Smog Test

Coupon Expires December 31, 1992.

SAN FRANCISCO AUTO REPAIR CENTER • 285-8588

A WOMAN'S BOOKSTORE COFFEEHOUSE
MAMA BEARS
NEW BOOKS • USED BOOKS • SPIRITUALITY
LESBIAN • WOMENS NON-FICTION • POETRY
HEALTH/HEALING • FEMINIST • METAPHYSICAL
CHILDREN'S • WOMENS FICTION • CULTURAL
WOMENS PERIODICALS • WOMEN & BUSINESS
GAY MEN'S • SCIENCE FICTION • MYSTERY
ESPRESSO • ART GALLERY • T-SHIRTS
CAFE • WOMENS MUSIC • ENTERTAINMENT
WOMAN MADE JEWELRY • CRAFTS • CARDS
EVENTS • POSTERS • NEW & USED BOOKS
LESBIAN • CULTURAL • CHILDREN'S • FEMINIST
• OPEN EVERY DAY
• ALCOHOL FREE
6536 Telegraph • Oakland
(415) 428-9684

ILENE M. HOCHSTEIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Small Business
Personal Injury
Real Estate
Arts Law
Landlord/Tenant
Tax Preparation & Representation

Opera Plaza
601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 2080
San Francisco, CA 94102
415.673.2939

ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL:

African Americans and AIDS Activists Battle CDC Budget Cuts

BY TIM KINGSTON

"We are robbing the AIDS prevention effort to pay for the AIDS care and treatment effort. We are looking at budget cuts in a whole range of community-based organization efforts...in order to fund care and treatment activities in AIDS," grouses William Bailey, a co-chair of the prevention task force of National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA).

Bailey is angry at the Centers for Disease Control for slashing $6.8 million from HIV education and prevention programs geared primarily to people of color. That cut came in response to a Congressional requirement that the CDC transfer $14.6 million of its $496 million budget to the Ryan White CARE Act that provides for early HIV intervention and treatment programs. "It is, basically, robbing Peter to pay Paul," says Bailey.

On Nov. 27 an enraged Congressional Black Caucus got into the act, sending both the CDC and Secretary of Health Louis Sullivan an irate letter requesting in no uncertain terms that the agency "reconsider" the targeting of its budgetary axe. Congressional Black Caucus member Maxine Waters charges, "Given all the facts we have about AIDS—its destruction and devastation—this country will end up with a lot of people dying who could have been saved through education and prevention."

The cutbacks, effective on Nov. 1, reduce federal support to 24 out of a total of 28 "national minority organizations" funded by the CDC. When budget reductions were first proposed by the CDC on Sept. 25, the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention was one of the first targets. The Task Force is the *only* specifically gay and bisexual African American group funded by the CDC; yet it lost $202,455—43 percent of its total budget [see sidebar].

On Nov. 19, in response to the cutbacks, the Task Force, along with the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS and the Asian/Pacific AIDS Coalition, officially unveiled the "Campaign for Fairness! A Call to Action!" campaign in San Francisco. The campaign's program demands greater emphasis on AIDS prevention efforts from the federal government for people of color, studies on the effectiveness of current CDC programs and a restoral of the Task Force budget to its previous level. By Nov. 21 the "Campaign for Fairness" had received the endorsements of 51 organizations and over 200 individuals. One of the first to sign on was Mayor Art Agnos.

When questioned about the long-term impact of the cutbacks, Gary West, assistant deputy director for HIV at the CDC's National Center for Prevention Services, replied: "All I can say is, we recognize that prevention is an important and cost-effective activity, and anytime we have to cut those budgets we are very concerned. We realize with these cuts [that] there may be important opportunities that will be lost. We try to make the cuts so the impact on prevention activities will be as small as possible."

Gerald Lenior, executive director of the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS, says CDC budget paring will backfire. He argues that the direct consequence of budget cuts in these prevention programs will be a higher incidence of HIV infection among those at high risk, especially young people of color who are gay, bisexual or injection drug users. "It means [that] a community we already have problems getting the educational message to will be neglected. For the nation as a whole, it means that an epidemic that was reported as near peaking is nowhere near peaking."

PHOBIAS AND POLITICS

Critics of the CDC charge that the cuts were not equitably applied, that the specter of homophobia has raised its ugly head—both at the CDC *and* within the Congressional Black Caucus. Ken McPherson, of Mobilization Against AIDS, charges that the CDC is running scared from a right-wing attack on Black and White Men Together (the parent organization of the National Task Force on AIDS) that appeared in the *Readers Digest*—a charge flatly denied by the CDC [see sidebar].

What hurts more than the right-wing homophobia is the betrayal by Congressional Black Caucus, says Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. The Caucus' letter of protest to the CDC, although irate about budget cuts, omitted any reference to gay and bisexual men of color.

"Black gay men are being marginalized in this epidemic by our own community leaders," claims

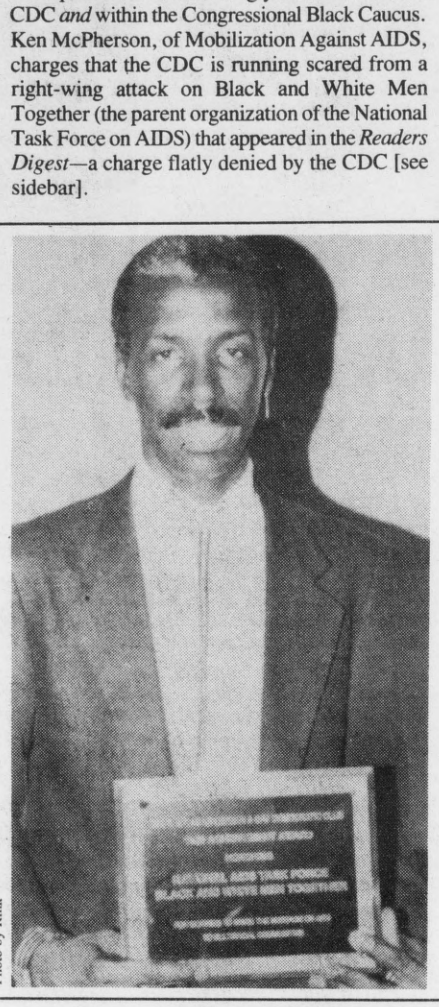


Photo by Rink

In 1989, Reggie Williams received an award for his work directing the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, which serves African American gay and bisexual men. But the Task Force, along with 23 other national AIDS education groups that serve primarily people of color, has had their budget slashed by the CDC.

Fag Bashing the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention

The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention has been under attack from fundamentalist "Christians" and right-wingers for over a year. The right-wing onslaught started in November 1990, when syndicated newspaper columnist Cal Thomas penned a vicious little diatribe attacking the Task Force's parent organization, Black and White Men Together (BWMT). He charges that the $800,000 BWMT receives to support the Task Force is actually being used to "promote" homosexuality. Thomas asserts the CDC grant "bolsters homosexual efforts to give their sexual behavior the same kind of legal approval that minority groups have under anti-discrimination statutes."

In September 1991, *Readers Digest* reprinted a condensed version of Thomas' hit piece in a section of the magazine dedicated to lampooning "absurdities" in government spending. The reprint attacked the CDC for funding BWMT which, they say, runs "Hot, Horny and Healthy" safe-sex education workshops for gay and bisexual men of color. Lesta Cordal, publicist for *Readers Digest*, denies the reprint was an attack on safe-sex education for men. But she acknowledged that the editorial opinion of the magazine flatly opposes funding BWMT. "We consider that money spent for that item outrageous."

"*Readers Digest* had a specific purpose in mind with this piece, which was to show that gay and lesbian organizations should not be receiving federal funds for any purpose," says Steve Feeback, publication coordinator of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. He believes that it is no coincidence the editorial appeared the same month that the CDC cut the Task Force's budget.

Feeback and other critics charge the CDC's action was the direct result of right-wing pressure that included the *Readers Digest* article. To back the accusation, the Task Force got hold of angry letters attacking CDC funding of Task Force HIV prevention programs from both irate homophobes and right-wing members of Congress. Steve Morin, medical policy legislative assistant to Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF), says even though CDC officials deny that the cutback was politically motivated, "they are knowledgeable about the controversy and the expressions of concern of the far-right members of Congress."

"There is no connection," replies Gary West, assistant deputy director for HIV at the CDC's National Center on Prevention Services. "The decisions on the budget were made before [the *Readers Digest* rewrite] was published. But it had no bearing on any budgetary decision made here at the CDC."

Ken McPherson, of Mobilization Against AIDS, charges that the attack on the Task Force should be seen as part of a larger campaign by the right-wing to reduce the size of the entire federal AIDS funding pie and should not divert AIDS activists from the big picture. "Strategically and tactically the hardliners are trying to get portions of the medical community fighting amongst each other rather than fight the military industrial complex for money that should be reapportioned to health issues."

If you want to help out with Mobilization Against AIDS' postcard campaign to demand that the CDC return funding to the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, call 863-4676. Mobilization Against AIDS will be at the corner of Castro and 18th every Sunday handing out postcards that you can send to the CDC.

Williams. "Nowhere in the [letter] do they mention Black gay men. What does that say to Black gay men?"

When Mobilization Against AIDS got wind of the Caucus's failure to include gay and bisexual men of color, it began working to create a congressional "Dear Colleague" letter that will make specific reference to gay and bisexual men of color. As *SF Bay Times* goes to press, that letter is circulating in Congress.

WHERE THE AXE LANDED

The CDC budget cuts range between 7 percent and 43 percent of CDC grants to organizations serving people of color. The groups affected cover a wide spectrum—including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Urban League and the People of Color Consortium against AIDS. "Historically, you are looking at communities that are three-to-four years behind [in HIV awareness and funding]," states Rochelle. "Yet now they are getting budget cuts!"

The $6.8 million cut that came out of the Center for Prevention Services' budget was spread among several of its programs. The CDC removed $22,272 from direct funding for community-based organizations, $66,125 from state and local minority initiatives, $589,526 from minority health technical assistance, $1,923,723 from high-risk perinatal prevention, $648,382 from AIDS community demonstration research projects, $550,000 from street outreach evaluation programs and $514,711 from special research projects for outreach and high-risk youth.

One of the largest budget chops hit NMAC, the National Minority AIDS Council, which lost $100,000. Anita Taylor, NMAC's director of public policy, says the funding loss "could be fatal," and will cause restructuring and layoffs at an already underbudgeted organization. Local San Francisco groups affected include the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and the American Indian AIDS Institute, which lost $20,000, half of its AIDS prevention and education program budget.

While Gary West of the CDC acknowledges that the cuts could have serious consequences, he denies the agency singled out "national minority organizations" for attack. West argues that the cuts assigned to the national minority organizations average 7.2 percent of their total CDC grants. He stressed that even CDC headquarters took a $1 million cut in funding—15 percent of the total congressionally mandated cutback. West adds that no more funding could be removed because such services are themselves legislatively mandated.

Steve Morin, health policy legislative assistant to Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-SF), doesn't buy that for a second. He retorts, "The CDC has resorted to its favorite activity, which is counting the bodies. And it appears to be reneging in its commitment to prevent HIV transmission through the only effective program [the Task Force] we know they have.

"Prevention money ought to go where new infections are most likely to occur," argues Morin, "and if you look at that, gay and bisexual men of color are at far greater risk of infection than any other group. Yet the CDC does not want to direct the money to where the problem is!"

Morin continues, "It is a matter of where do you take that $14.6 million from: surveillance and epidemiology? Or do you take it out of prevention programs, or do you take a little out of everything?"

PLAYING THE POLITICAL AIDS GAME

As always, the critical task is to follow the money—and when there is not enough, ask why. According to both NORA's Bailey and Rep. Waters, the immediate culprit is the 1990 budget agreement between Congress and the Bush (as in "President") Administration. Those agreements restrict discretionary domestic spending by the legislative branch and forbid Congress from raiding the Defense Department's coffers for domestic programs.

Congress has hamstrung itself with a fixed sum set aside for total AIDS spending; thus, any additional funding for AIDS programs has to come from other sources: either out of other domestic programs or from pre-existing AIDS programs. Bailey says, "Congress felt it had X amount of money for AIDS programs and they were getting an extraordinary amount of pressure for care and treatment [funding]." Hence, the $14.6 million transfer of funds from the CDC to the Ryan White CARE Act.

According to Tom Sheridan, a lobbyist for the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, the CDC retaliated by playing politics with the grant monies. He charges that the CDC had other budget-cutting options, but instead cut funding from community-based groups in the hope that they would create political pressure to force Congress to increase CDC funding.

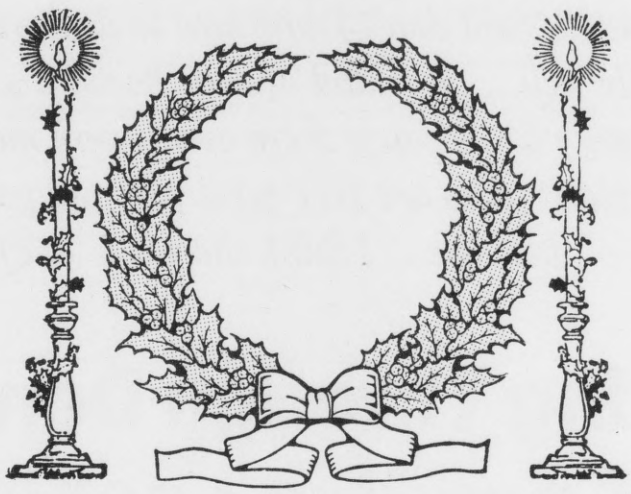
Gary West flatly denies that charge: "There is really minimal reduction in CDC support of non-governmental organizations as a result of this cut, and we frankly don't expect loud protests. And in any case, these cuts are final and we don't expect them to be regranted."

Steve Feeback, publications coordinator of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, says the raid on the CDC's education and prevention programs teaches AIDS activists and lobbyists an important lesson: "If you are pushing for money for care, it cannot come from another AIDS program or health care program. It should come from the military."

That is precisely where Rep. Waters is aiming. She is introducing legislation into Congress in 1992 that would rip down the walls between domestic spending and the Pentagon. She asserts, "I envisage $150 billion going from defense to health care. The Cold War is over and the Russians are not coming. This is the only way to fund AIDS in this country."

If you want to help out the "Campaign For Fairness! A Call to Action!" contact the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention at 749-6700.

OUR FRAMERS KNOW ALL THE RIGHT ANGLES.



SAN FRANCISCO Frameworks
268 CHURCH ST • CA • 94114 • 626•4900

Concept/Design: Scott Alpert/Mario Mondelli

MASHED POTATOES
BAKED HAM GREEN BEANS
HOPE LOVE KINDNESS

MEALS WITH LOVE FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS
PROJECT OPEN HAND

Volunteers are *urgently* needed to help us deliver food to people living with AIDS.

You'll deliver far more than a hot meal.

VOLUNTEER: 415-255-2529

ARTS • CRAFTS • FOOD • EXHIBITS • HOLIDAY SHOPPING

A WINTER ARTS FAIR

Celebration of CRAFTSWOMEN

ARTS • CRAFTS • FOOD • EXHIBITS
LIVE MUSIC • HOLIDAY SHOPPING

DECEMBER 7, 8, & 14, 15, 1991
Saturdays & Sundays, 10am–6pm
Admission: $4.50 • FREE: Children under 12
Childcare • Senior Discount

FORT MASON CENTER, HERBST PAVILION
Buchanan at Marina, San Francisco

For More Info: (415) 431-1180 • MUNI: (28, 47, 30, 22)
Free Parking at Crissy Field w/Shuttle to Fair

KOFY 20

13th Annual Fair Presented by The San Francisco Women's Building

ARTS • CRAFTS • FOOD • EXHIBITS • HOLIDAY SHOPPING • ARTS • CRAFTS

Lesbians "still don't know how to deal with HIV really well.... It's kind of sad. Partly it's denial, partly it's because there aren't very many lesbians [who are HIV positive], and partly it's because... I think there's a lot of fear."

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Breaking Through Denial: HIV-positive Lesbians

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

"The thing that is the hardest was feeling isolated and so different in the community," says D. K. Haas. Haas is 31 years old, white, a lesbian and HIV-positive. "That still is hard."

Her life changed dramatically when she tested positive for HIV. "I don't have time for bullshit," she says bluntly. In the two-and-a-half years since she got her test results, Haas has traveled widely. Time has sped up for her.

Haas is one of thousands of HIV-positive people in the Bay Area, but one of the few lesbians willing to speak out publicly. Even she is hesitant, admitting she still fears rejection from the lesbian community, but Haas has never taken things easy and is not going to start now.

Living in Seattle, Haas started using cocaine while in a "five-year junkie relationship" beginning in 1983. She progressed from cocaine to heroin and became addicted. Moving to San Francisco in 1986, she hustled to feed her addiction, turning tricks on 16th and Capp. Haas never much considered the possibility of contracting HIV. "There's so much denial when you're using. Your health is not one of your primary considerations." She was arrested several times for forgery and possession of stolen property, and was in jail when her then-lover was diagnosed with ARC in September, 1987. Haas tested positive the following June.

Looking back, she feels, "I was really lost [and] I had a lot of problems...I was a very sad soul [and] very naive...I remember saying I will never understand light until I experience darkness. I had no idea to what degree I was walking into darkness."

Five weeks before she tested, Haas had gotten into a recovery program, and the two events stand like twin towers in her life. "My life changed dramatically when I got into recovery, and I think because I tested positive, I stayed in recovery, and I went after my recovery with a vigilance that I don't know I would have had, had I not been positive."

Currently, she is HIV Program Coordinator at Walden House, a residential substance abuse program. Working with HIV-positive clients keeps the issues clear for her. "When I tested positive, part of the process I went through in accepting my own status and dealing with it was to try and give back to other addicts living with the virus. There's that edge that addicts walk on—'Do I stay clean or do I not?' [The work] helps me, and sometimes it is too much. I am changing my job in that I'm going to be training counselors rather than working with clients...I've arranged too many funerals. It has gotten hard on my spirit working with clients."

LIVING AS A LESBIAN WITH HIV

Being out as a lesbian with HIV presents its own special challenges. Haas is very upfront about her status. "If anybody knows me at all, they know, because I'm not ashamed of this disease." That includes potential lovers. "I tell them right away. If I am hot for somebody and I know they're hot for me, we talk about that right away. The last time that came up, she already knew because someone had already told her. That's what the dyke community is about. There's no confidentiality...The lover I'm with currently, we were friends for years, and so she knew and she accepted that as part of the bargain."

Haas reflected on another experience with the lesbian rumor network. "When I first tested, I told one person, and I went to a dance and somebody said, 'Hey, how are you? How is your health? Do you have symptoms?' I was like, my chest fell in...and I wasn't ready at that time for that, but that got me ready. It made me realize that OK, this is the community. This is what it's about, and if you're gonna be out you gotta be out."

Haas wasn't sure what response she'd get from lesbians and was reluctant to find out. "I was initially really frightened. I didn't want to come out in the community at all. If I went to women's meetings, like at AA, I wouldn't talk about HIV." She pauses. "I think that fear was born out of reality, and the reality is that as dykes we are able

WORLD Seeks Voice for Women with HIV

By Val C. Phoenix

"Undertested and undercounted." That's Rebecca Denison's flat assessment of women with HIV in the Bay Area. Denison is the founder of WORLD (Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases), an advocacy group for women dealing with HIV, and is herself HIV-positive. WORLD takes its case to San Francisco on Dec. 7, with an event at the Women's Building designed to put HIV-positive women in the driver's seat.

The evening, a benefit for WORLD, will feature the music of Altazor, a safe sex demonstration, and a panel of HIV-positive women talking about their experiences. Denison, who is straight, said the panel will include straight, bisexual and lesbian women in all stages of infection. Karen Hester, who is producing the event, said the event is important because "women are so amazingly invisible. Nobody's talking about lesbians in particular."

WORLD was born from Denison's own frustrating experiences trying to access services after she tested positive in June 1990. As a woman who was asymptomatic, she was unable to find a support group. "I felt really isolated." She decided to seek out other HIV-positive women, with the idea of "finding each other and sharing stories." After a friend's sister died, Denison said, she had the option of "sitting around and getting pissed."

Instead, she decided to put out a newsletter by, for and about women dealing with HIV. The first issue was published this June and sent to a mailing list of 30. The newsletter has added 100 names a month and now reaches 900 people. It includes letters, testimonials and articles. Denison says, "A lot appears in my mailbox from women I don't know who want to share their experiences." She operates the newsletter from her home in Oakland using her husband's computer and her own and donated funds.

Besides a newsletter, WORLD operates a speakers bureau to get women with HIV into the public arena. The idea is to get HIV-positive women organized, meeting each other and involved in whatever way they feel comfortable. One of Denison's frustrations as an AIDS activist is that she has often found herself as the only woman with HIV in a group and treated as a spokesperson for all women with HIV by default. She feels this is dangerous because "my experiences aren't the same as everyone else's."

Photo by Irene Young

Altazor

Denison notes, for instance, that an estimated 73 percent of women with HIV are women of color. "HIV is disproportionately affecting women of color, and the women coming forward publicly are disproportionately white." Denison, who is white, feels education in communities of color is best done by people in that community. "When I meet women of color, I give whatever support I can." For example, a group of Latinas is currently meeting to produce Spanish versions of WORLD.

With the great disparities among women with HIV, for example, those who have full blown AIDS, those who are lesbian, or in recovery, Denison's goal is to "try to get all these groups together." A recent retreat organized by WORLD brought together 28 HIV-positive women "at all stages of infection, of all races and classes. Connections were made that didn't exist before." The problem, as she sees it, is that "HIV-positive women don't have a natural community." She explains that she has spent time in the Castro where gay men congregate. She felt welcomed, but she'd like to see a place where women can feel comfortable on their own terms. WORLD holds meetings once a month where HIV-positive women can feel safe, and, as Denison puts it, "have their own evolution." Some of the things that come up include relationships, disclosing status, and basic education.

Denison has come to act as a kind of one-woman referral service, which she feels is a reflection of how badly coordinated services are for women with HIV. "When I tested and called the agencies, I felt like I was just one more number to deal with." She says the situation has improved but "I'm still pissed off at agencies that don't serve women." Many of the community-based agencies will be tabling at the event to do outreach.

Denison hopes the event will bring together women with HIV, care providers and people who haven't thought about HIV before. She notes that since Magic Johnson's disclosure that he is HIV-positive, more people are getting tested. She has three goals for the event. The first, she says, is "a public coming out where HIV-positive women are the focus of the event." She also hopes to bring in people who haven't thought about HIV before, to "recognize HIV is in every community, including theirs." Her third goal is to raise money for the newsletter.

Denison, though she's straight, feels very tied to the gay community. "I don't know what's gonna come down to deprive us of our rights...The rights of PWAs and the rights of gay people have become very connected. When the rights of gay people are attacked, they inevitably attack PWAs."

The benefit will take place on Dec. 7 at the San Francisco Women's Building at 3543 18th St., starting at 7:30. WORLD can be reached at P.O.Box 11535, Oakland, CA 94611.

to care for men with HIV, but when it comes to our own, I think we—this may have changed now. I was really early in recovery so I was really fucking insecure anyway. I didn't want people to not like me or reject me. I didn't feel certain that I wouldn't get that, and I still don't, but I don't care anymore. I couldn't give a fuck...So I was very closeted in the community."

She believes lesbians still have a ways to go with HIV. "We still don't know how to deal with it really well. I don't know why...There's just so much denial. I'm not sure that lesbians are any different than any other population of people. I think gay men had to deal with it because it's so much in their faces all the time...It's not in our faces. My close friends, it's in their face because they're my close friends. Some of them as individuals are able to talk to me about it, and some of them aren't, because our culture doesn't address issues of disease or sickness or dying."

"LESBIAN" SEX AND HIV

Sex is one area in which many lesbians refuse to acknowledge the threat of HIV, believing they are not at risk. There is also the belief HIV is not a lesbian issue. Haas has mixed opinions about the subject, but sees denial in the community. "Denial that I can get it, denial it exists, denial that some lesbians fuck men, some lesbians shoot dope...We're at risk for other ways than fucking one another. I'm not convinced that sucking pussy is a good transmission category, but I am convinced that other behaviors are. Not all of us just have vanilla sex. There's a lotta kinds of sex that are higher risk than just sucking clit."

She warms to the subject. "To say 'lesbian sex' infuriates me. Lesbians cut each other, lesbians beat each other, lesbians give each other enemas, lesbians fuck each other in the ass. To say that lesbian sex is not risky is ridiculous. There's a lot of sex that's risky. It's about behavior, it's not about who you fuck. It's not like if you're a lesbian you're at less risk than this gay man over here, because not all gay men fuck each other in the asses."

Haas offers herself as an example. "I am a lesbian who turned tricks and shot dope...so if [I believe] I'm not at risk and I have sex with you because I've never tested—because I'm a lesbian and I can't get it—and we do one of these behaviors that is not just we kiss and then we kiss our tits and then we kiss our pussy, we get off and we go to sleep, you know what I'm saying? It is a lesbian problem in that it's a human problem."

Haas has wrestled with the question of safety herself. "I've had lesbians who don't ever use safe sex 'cause they don't feel like it, and I don't even know if I feel like it." She laughs, wearily. "How is this fucking virus transmitted? There's so little information, so much denial, and so much fear that when you put all that stuff together in a pot, you get all kinds of different reactions, and I'm not immune to those, personally. One day I might feel like this is crazy...and another day I might think I have to do everything perfectly according to the safest of safe sex guidelines."

SERVICES FOR WOMEN

In her struggle to access services, Haas has seen how lesbians are not even in the paradigm. "When I first tested, I went to find a support group for women. I didn't even think about the lesbian thing, 'cause I figured there was just no way, but there were no groups for women at that time in 1988. There was so much denial, and there was so much misinformation and lack of education and lack of services and very little response. I went to support groups with gay men."

Medical care was equally problematic. She went to Ward 86 at San Francisco General and found it was not equipped to do pap smears. "I had constant vaginal candidiasis. I got a lot of, 'I don't know, I don't know.' Now you don't get that so much because...through the work of lesbians and other women, there's been a lot of education. I think [health care] providers are still very stupid about women. Providers have not studied women. There's so much discrimination and prejudicial thinking that they and we have not been able to realize women are at risk. Let's look at what happens to women's bodies. We get together in groups and potlucks and retreats and we say, 'What happens to you? Oh, that happens to me, too.' We don't get that from our providers. That's part of living as a woman with HIV."

Haas does not have an AIDS diagnosis, but she is hardly asymptomatic. Her symptoms include chronic yeast infection, swollen glands in her groin, changes with her period, sweating, hot flashes and pain in her legs. "I've been taking AZT for two years. I also do herbs, acupuncture, the Alexander technique—treatments other than the AMA shit. I take AZT and I hate it, but I took it because my T-cells were really low...and I'm not ready to give in. They go up, they go down. I have a sense they're somewhere in the 300s." She feels it's too much stress to monitor her T-cells and has told her doctor to tell her if they drop below 200. "You just have to ask yourself, 'How do you feel today?' I tend to push. I try not to push too hard. When you don't feel good, you rest; when you do feel good, you rejoice."

LESBIAN COMMUNITY

Being positive has forced Haas to expand her sense of community. "I have always felt, before I was infected, before I was addicted, that lesbians are my community. The people who I love, the people in my home, the people I write letters and make long-distance calls to are lesbians...I'm very lesbian-identified. However, I also have a great connection to the recovery community...and a great connection to the HIV community, which is anybody living with this disease. I don't care who they are."

It is to her regret that she doesn't feel that she can look to the lesbian community for support around HIV. "It's kind of sad. Partly it's denial, partly it's because there aren't very many lesbians, and partly it's because I'm very afraid of being rejected still. I think there's a lot of fear." Her voice drops to a whisper. "I know there's a lot of fear. I can feel it in my belly. Some of it's mine, some of it's theirs."

She sums up her addiction by saying, "The bottom line is I shot dope...I loved it...and I did not bargain to get AIDS....All I know is how do I live my life today and try to be a whole person, given the hand that I've been dealt, and how do I help other people to do the same."

She can even find some good in having gone through addiction: "The kind of joy I experience, the love, the gratitude. I know I wouldn't have this if I hadn't...walked that path, and that's OK...To every degree you experience sadness, you can experience joy and happiness and peace—and I have experienced some unbelievable sorrow and pain. As low as I've gone...I have gone equally as high in the other direction because of it."

Haas is philosophical, feeling a lot is out of her control. "There are times when you still feel totally helpless...there's nothing you can fuckin' do because this disease is gonna get you anyway...I've seen so many people die, that that's where this fear comes in...Anybody with HIV lives with that and still is able to find hope for today, because today it's beautiful outside, and I'm in love, I have a new job...And so I keep going one day at a time with a lot of hope and a lot of spirit."

OLIVIA WOMEN'S CRUISES

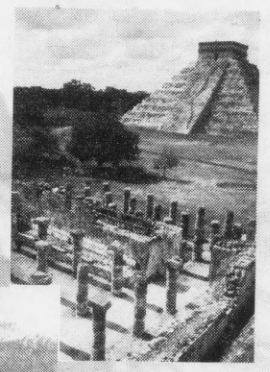
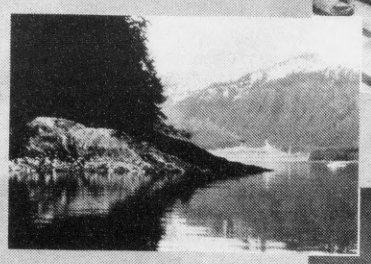
THE BEAUTY OF THE MEXICAN CARIBBEAN
THE MAJESTY OF ALASKA
THE ROMANCE OF THE GREEK ISLES

The premiere women's cruise company is pleased to announce its 1992 schedule. A $500 per person deposit will hold your place on any of these spectacular escapades with 300-600 women from all over the world.

MEXICAN CARIBBEAN
7-Nights
March 20-27, 1992
From Miami to Cozumel, Playa del Carmen and Grand Cayman.
$795 to $1,595 per person.

ALASKA
7-Nights
June 12-19, 1992
(Second Sailing Just Announced!)
From Vancouver up the Inside Passage to Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau and Skagway.
$1,395 to $2,695 per person.

GREEK ISLES
7-Nights
September 21-28, 1992
From Athens to Lesbos, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, Crete and Turkey.
$1,495 to $2,595 per person.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. We'll be glad to facilitate room shares for passengers traveling alone. Single occupancy requires 100% surcharge. Port tax, gratuities, airfares, transfers, alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are additional. Payment plan available.

CALL NOW FOR THE VACATION OF A LIFETIME!

Olivia CRUISES
Making your dreams come true.

800-631-6277
Or write Olivia for more information:
4400 Market Street, Oakland, CA, 94608. (415) 655-0364.
Or contact your local travel agent.

IGTA INTERNATIONAL GAY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

Background photo: Abigail Huller

OUTING & ABOUT

AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHELANGELO SIGNORILE

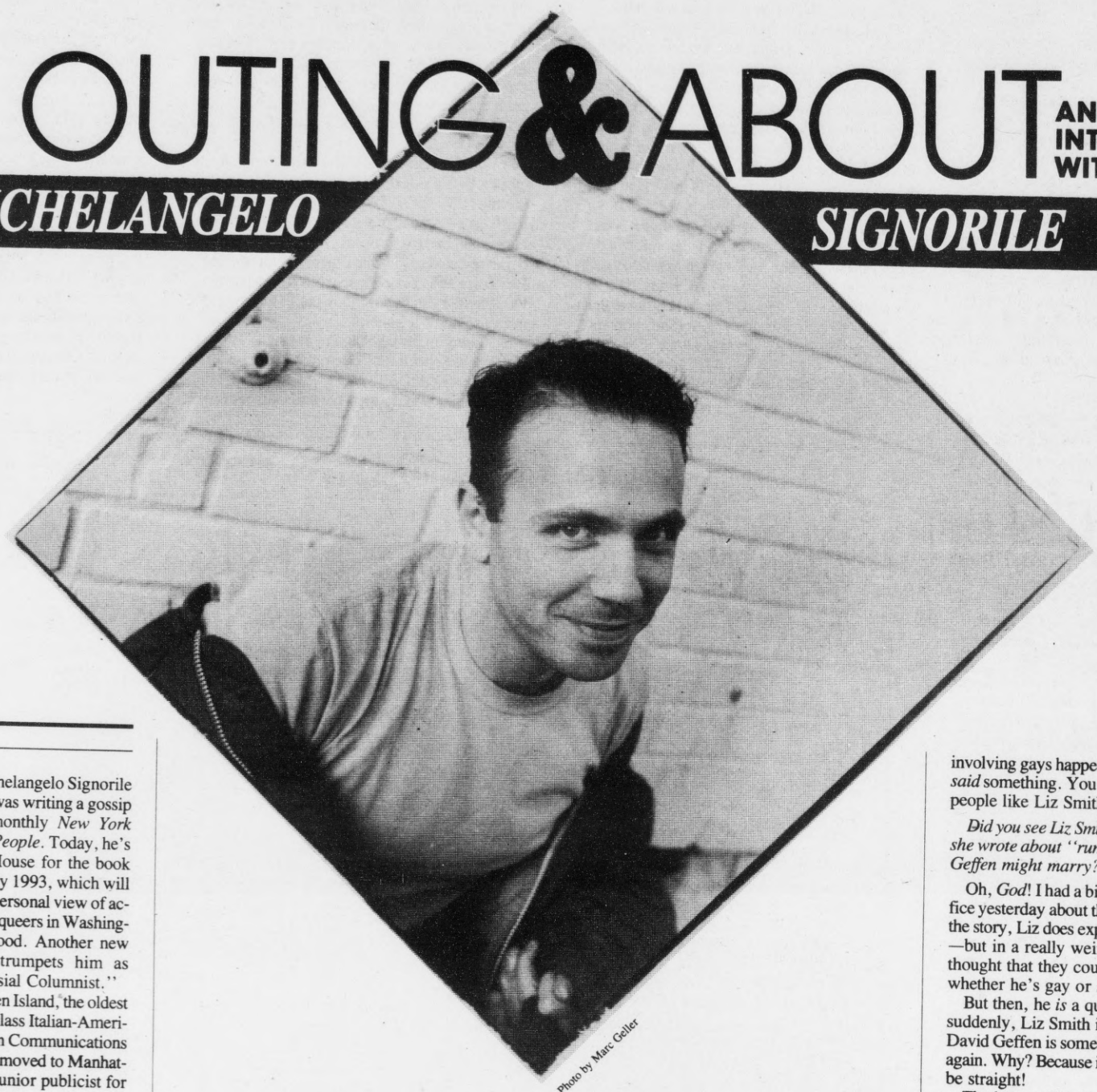


Photo by Marc Geller

BY DAVE FORD

When I first met Michelangelo Signorile five years ago, he was writing a gossip column for the monthly *New York Nightlife* and freelancing for *People*. Today, he's under contract to Random House for the book *Queer in America*, due in early 1993, which will both encapsulate Signorile's personal view of activism, and dish dirt on power queers in Washington, New York and Hollywood. Another new employer, *The Advocate*, trumpets him as "America's Most Controversial Columnist."

Signorile was raised on Staten Island, the oldest of four brothers in a working class Italian-American family. After graduating in Communications from Syracuse University, he moved to Manhattan in 1982 and worked as a junior publicist for a film and theater press agent.

After two subsequent years as ACT UP/New York's media coordinator, Signorile began his "Gossip Watch" column at the queer weekly *Outweek* in 1989. For the next two years, Signorile hammered what he saw as hypocrites in the straight press. His columns, filled with capital-letter invective, polarized readers. But Signorile effected massive change: among other things, he invented "outing," which has irrevocably altered mainstream media reporting on lesbian and gay issues.

The past nine months have been watershed ones for Signorile. First, *Village Voice* writers attacked Signorile when he lambasted the paper's *Silence of the Lambs* stories for pandering to the film's homophobia. Then, *Outweek* folded last spring; at the time, Signorile was sitting on a story outing Pentagon spokesperson Pete Williams. Signorile contacted the *Voice* about running the story; the paper refused, saying it doesn't believe in outing. (The piece eventually ran in the *Advocate*.)

Though he lives on New York's Lower East Side, Signorile's currently criss-crossing the country, researching the book and writing a monthly *Advocate* column. Swinging through San Francisco recently—"I come here to relax"—he gabbed over coffee about everything from gay activism to getting laid.

Unlike his print persona, Signorile in the flesh is sweet and soft-spoken. Though he occasionally lapses into the distancing second-person, he generally appears confident these days, perhaps because of his notoriety, perhaps because of his new gym regimen ("I have *tits*!" he enthuses, flexing proudly). Or maybe it's just time passing: Signorile turns 30 Dec. 19.

(SF Bay Times) We Sagittarians love to travel. How do you keep yourself together on the road?

(Signorile) Well, I have a therapist I've seen for two years now, and I call her whenever I need to. She understands *everything*! (Laughs.) I like being able to live here for two weeks, there for two weeks, then another place for two weeks. It's not gonna last forever—so I may as well enjoy it.

What happens when people know your name?

(Laughs.)When I'm dating, it's exciting to figure out at what point to tell the people who don't know who you are something about yourself, then figure out, "God, are they gonna hate me or like me?" I mean, I'm not a middle of the road person. (Laughs.) So it's that anxiety of, "This guy's really cute—what if he hates Michelangelo Signorile?" (Laughs.)

There's the opposite thing of meeting people who want to sleep with "Michelangelo." It's a little bit lonely, in a way, because I don't want to get involved with the people who know who I am, but the people who *don't* know—and I'm attracted to people who wouldn't care who I was even if they knew, which I like because it means there's not one ounce of them wanting to sleep with a personality—they're not political, so I have nothing in common with them! (Laughs.)

There are also people—especially right wing gay people—who think you're dangerous, but then they're attracted to you for that.

LITTLE HOOP FOR THE FUTURE

What did you think about the whole Magic Johnson thing?

Well, at least magazines like *Time* were honest enough to say, "There have always been rumors of his bisexuality, but he didn't address them." See, the straight press is willing to go that far with outing when it has something to do with *them*. They're all a bunch of hypocrites: they'll do anything when it's in their interest, and nothing when it's in ours.

Still, I do think it could do a lot for AIDS. If the Democrats were smart, they would literally use rhetoric like, "President Bush gave Magic Johnson AIDS."

As far as the AIDS community goes, it's almost better that he's a straight sports figure.

That's true. It comes down to the two conflicting things that ACT UP is always battling: do you solve the AIDS crisis, or solve the ten-year plan for racism, sexism, homophobia, liberation, etc?

What I *loved* was Martina Navratilova saying that if it were her, because she's a dyke, she'd be reviled. She also made the point that if she'd slept with as many men as Johnson did women, she would have lost all her endorsements, because she would have been considered a slut.

I thought it was amazing she did that, not just because it's a big deal for Martina—all she's ever really said is that she's a lesbian, and that's it—but because I think it's the first time *any* really big gay public figure has stood up when something involving gays happened in the larger society and *said* something. You certainly don't hear it from people like Liz Smith or David Geffen.

Did you see Liz Smith's Nov. 20 column, where she wrote about "rumors" Madonna and David Geffen might marry?

Oh, *God*! I had a big fight with Liz Smith's office yesterday about that whole thing. If you read the story, Liz does explain that they're just friends—but in a really weird way. She *entertains* the thought that they could be lovers—forget about whether he's gay or straight.

But then, he *is* a queer. And he *came* out. So suddenly, Liz Smith is revising history. To her, David Geffen is somebody who *could* be straight again. Why? Because in her mind, *Liz Smith* could be straight!

The bottom line is, this is Liz Smith's circle. It's not like she's the outside reporter just going by some facts. She *knows* they're not lovers. What is she gonna tell us next? That Martina Navratilova is having an affair with John Travolta?

This item is all about Liz Smith trying to promote the idea that people do not have established sexual identities, and that it is not important to tell the truth about what you are or anything, because you're not really anything because you could be anything at any time and you could change. It's about Liz coming apart, because people are coming out and affirming themselves. That's a threat to Liz Smith. She probably thinks Martina should have been quiet.

What happened when you called her office?

Her assistant started screaming at me: "I cannot believe you! People are dying of AIDS, and you're saying you're worried about your people, and all you care about is some item about David Geffen in a gossip and entertainment column? I can't believe that every time Liz does something about AIDS, we never hear from you." I said, "Look. I'm really sick of Liz saying she's done so much about AIDS for ten years. She wrote about benefits, you know? She never told us the president was doing a rotten job. She went to parties with the president."

Then he told me that all I am is a "self-aggrandizing, self-promoting person." (Laughs.)

TAKE THIS JOB AND LOVE IT

Speaking of which, how's it feel to be writing for the Advocate*?*

Well, writing the book really requires me to pull out for a bit, to be removed. The only outlet that works with that is a monthly column. With a

weekly, like at *Outweek*, I was in the middle of the debates, or even starting them, and then there was a dialogue that went on from week to week. That was great to be a part of, but you can't do that and be removed at the same time.

In a monthly column, you're the afterthought, which is nice: you can sort of get the last word in. But you have a different perspective, now. My second column was all about radical queers in Washington, D.C. When I finished the column, I realized that they're *in* it, and I'm now *promoting* them—whereas before, I was *doing* it.

As a columnist, I remember watching you start at Outweek *and thinking it'd be interesting to see you cope. Because you can't keep up that kind of pace for more than two or three years without it stripping your skin off.*

You can't. Well, some people do. But I was tapping into an *incredible* energy that was building like a snowball; the whole movement was coming to critical mass, then it exploded and I was right there. But the energy's changed now.

AIDS made the gay/lesbian movement take off, build up all this steam, then BOOM! You can ask, Did we accomplish something? Well, we didn't accomplish the larger goals of what we wanted to do—solve the AIDS crisis—but we *did* get a message out there. We communicated like *crazy*. But the momentum is plateauing. For me, I've screamed and yelled and gotten attention; now I feel I can just talk, and they'll listen. And ACT UP can talk, and they'll listen.

Also, I think people are burnt out. I know I was. That energy couldn't stay forever. The only reason it lasted four years for me was that I changed jobs. Running the ACT UP media committee was *insane*. Then *Outweek* started, and that was a whole new way to do it.

I wonder if some of your changes are just about getting older.

Hmmm. I always think I don't get older, on some level, but I guess I do. I guess you do change, and you want things to be... *easier*.

I noticed your first column was free of your trademark capital letter rants. Are you consciously changing your style?

I would say I'm changing the persona of Gossip Watch. I decided I didn't want to do the caps in the *Advocate*. It would have been *so* tired. And it would have been making a persona into my *thing*—even though I loved the bitchy queen element of it. But that was *Outweek*. As a writer I want to move on from that.

I think it's important to do something fresh and exciting. Everything I'm about—everything ACT UP and Queer Nation are about—is promotion, exploitation, and using the media to get the message out. It's about taking elements from politics, Warhol, Madonna, and pop culture, and the media, and throwing it all together. To get a message out there today, you need to use a million different things. Just having something powerful to say doesn't do it.

In the end, you just have to be prepared to be the person who's going to take the heat. I'll start something, and all of a sudden, it gets us what we want in terms of media coverage of the issue, but I'm looked at as a monster. I really have no problem with that.

SLINGS AND ARROWS: A RETROSPECTIVE

How did you deal with that in a personal sense—especially when you were at Outweek, *and taking shit from all sides?*

In the beginning, it just bounced off me *completely*. In fact, when they would say nasty things, I just got angrier and fought back harder. But I think I was kidding myself, because a lot of it was about where it was coming from. When it was people and institutions I didn't respect, it didn't matter.

The only time it really upset me was when the *Village Voice* started in about *Silence of the Lambs*. These were lefty gay journalists in line with my politics—I *thought*. The way I dealt with it was to decide I didn't respect them, either. (Laughs.) And to realize that the *Village Voice*, to be quite honest, is really a farce. It's *not* that radical. If you look in the office, it looks like a lot of yuppies sitting around.

So now, anybody who attacks me, it's really tired. I've seen people change enormously on some of the issues, including outing. That makes me realize if you just perservere, people will either shut up or change their minds.

MAD ABOUT THE BOY, AND STUFF

One of the things that marked your Outweek *column was that your anger burned white hot. Has your anger changed? Mitigated?*

I think that a lot of the anger—and I think this is true of a lot of activists, at that time a couple of years ago—was a collective anger, and was about a lot of things: our childhoods, being Catholic, being Jewish, breaking up with your lover last week, being overweight (laughs), whatever. It wasn't just about the fact that all of our friends were dying. People began to realize that if we just took all of our anger about all those things and poured it into this thing, that was productive.

At one point when I was writing Gossip Watch, I was going through a big breakup. And I used to joke, "God, Liz Smith really took the brunt of my breakup." On many levels that was true.

The whole thing was cathartic, and we all lived off each others' anger. But what happened was that like anything else that is a fabulous therapeutic thing, you can't use it forever. The healthy thing that had to happen, and did, was that we in this community learned how to deal with our anger in a different way. After a while, people are dying all around you—you can't go crazy every single time. You figure out some healthy way to deal with it that's not going to have your blood pressure rising every time. Suddenly, the same thing's happening in your writing.

NEW KIDS: ON THE ROCKS

Is there a point where each new generation doesn't have to learn these same lessons again? Is there a way generations can connect with each other?

It's hard. If you look at the larger society, which has incredible information and media systems and ways of communicating with and teaching history to its own, you still see people making the same mistakes, and generational fighting.

The gay community has the added problem of not teaching its history to its young, not really having adequate information systems like straight society's—we don't have daily papers and television. That makes the generational split more pronounced, and it's inevitable that every generation is gonna have to go through the same things again.

More and more, I'm feeling like educating young gay children should be our next big priority. Not gay marriage, not these other things. We should focus on educating our young. We'd solve all those problems if we could somehow get information to kids— which is a really radical idea.

It's not just gay kids. Kids in high schools need to be educated about gay isues. That way, they don't pick up baseball bats and beat up the sissy.

Oh, there's no question about it. The whole society needs to be taught.

Coming from the background I do, I know it's a class issue, too. A lot of the working class gay people I grew up with don't know who Harvey Milk was. They don't know what Stonewall was. They don't know what outing is. So to scream at them, "You need to come out"—they have no context for that.

Do you think we can teach our culture to the next generation?

I think so. It'll take a lot of years, and I probably won't be alive when things are a lot better. You know, people used to own Black people and chained and beat them. Jewish people were massively exterminated, as were gay people.

Gay people have just started—twenty years ago, in this country—and we've come very far. We're different from the other minority groups because we're already entrenched in the power structure. If we all came out, we'd probably take over the country.

A lot of your rhetoric behind outing from the start has been about giving role models to young gay teenagers, so they don't feel alone.

Exactly. The bottom line is that getting it done in the schools on a nationwide level is going to take years and years and years. But no matter what class people are in, no matter where they are, pop culture is a big teacher. It's something people see and learn from.

It probably would be more powerful on some level to see gay people all over TV, than to be taught about it in schools.

continued on page 50

THE 1992 PARADE & CELEBRATION THEME IS -

"A Simple Matter of Justice" H. Milk

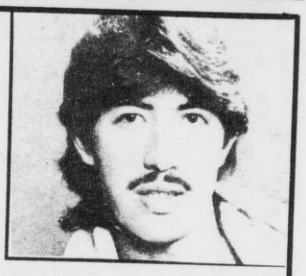
The LOGO DESIGN CONTEST begins immediately!
Deadline for submitting your entry is
12:00 Noon, Monday, December 2, 1991

Contact the Parade Office for further details
General Membership voting to choose the Logo for this year is on Sunday, December 8th at 5pm, 1519 Mission St.

SAN FRANCISCO LESBIAN/GAY FREEDOM DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Mailing Address: 584 Castro Street #513, San Francisco, CA 94114
Office Address: 1519 Mission St., Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts

(415) 864-FREE

"YOU DESERVE THE BEST!"
Call your friend *Jesse*



GREAT ROOMMATES, ETC.
Roommate Referral Service for all communities

* GREAT SERVICE
* GREAT LOCATION
* LOW FEE
* COMPUTERIZED
* FRIENDLY EXPERT ADVICE
* SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

552 B Castro Street San Francisco, CA 94114 (415) 626 7724

BOOKS
CALENDARS
ORNAMENTS
SPECIALTY ITEMS
CARDS
TAPES
SHIRTS & APPAREL

WHERE DO YOU FIND THE GIFT THAT GIVES TWICE?

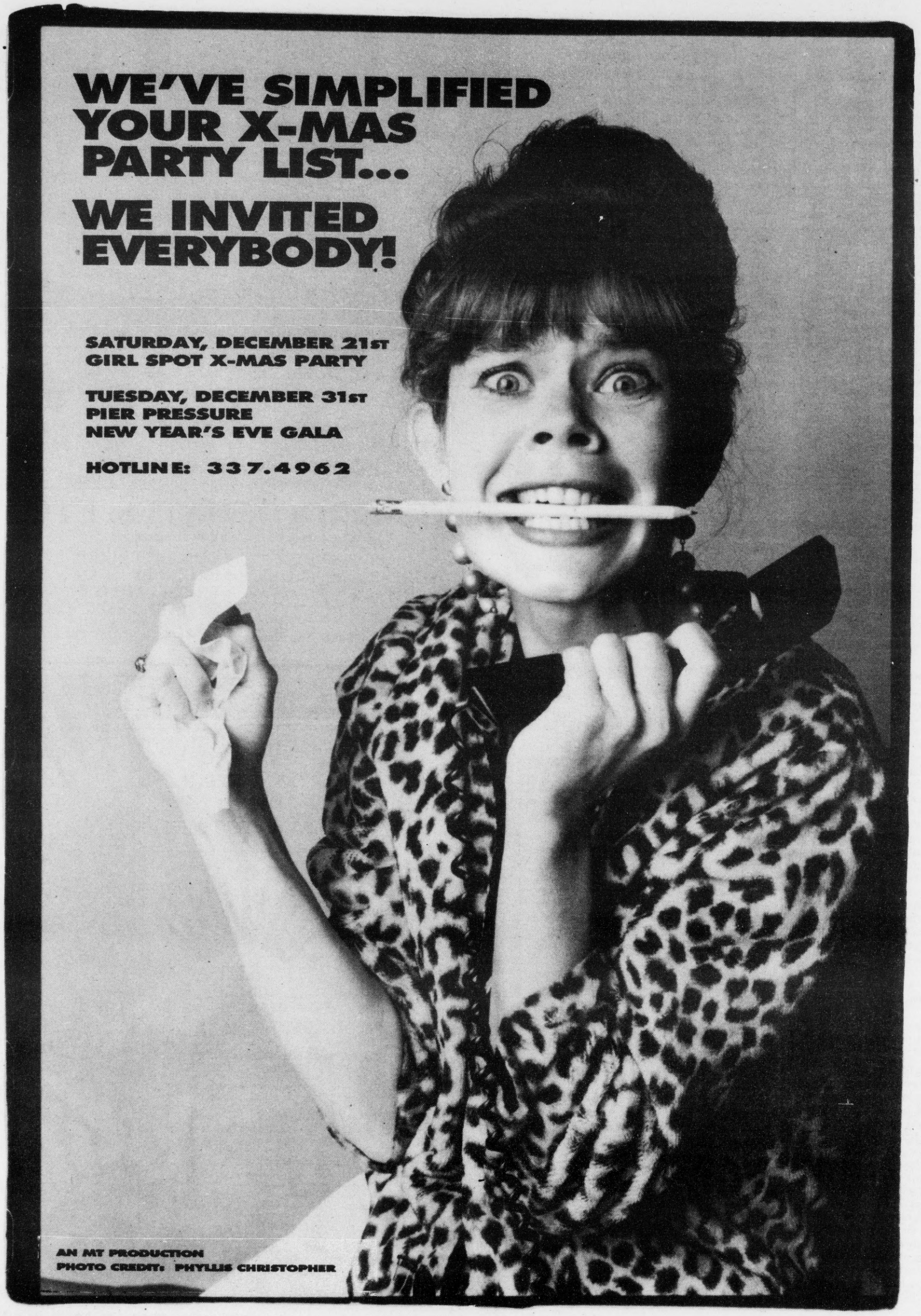
UNDER ONE ROOF

THE SHOP FOR AIDS RELIEF

2362 MARKET ST. AT CASTRO
415 252 9430
NOVEMBER 14 – JANUARY 1
SUN – FRI 11AM – 7PM
SAT 10AM – 8PM
VISA MASTERCARD

100% OF PROCEEDS FROM UNDER ONE ROOF GOES DIRECTLY TO ITS BENEFICIARY GROUPS.

UNDER ONE ROOF HAS RECEIVED GENEROUS CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FROM CHEVRON, MILLER BREWING, AND THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER


WE'VE SIMPLIFIED YOUR X-MAS PARTY LIST...
WE INVITED EVERYBODY!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
GIRL SPOT X-MAS PARTY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
PIER PRESSURE
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
HOTLINE: 337.4962
AN MT PRODUCTION
PHOTO CREDIT: PHYLLIS CHRISTOPHER

WATCHING TELEVISION:

LESBIAN AND GAY MEDIA ACTIVISM

BY AL KIELWASSER

Welcome to the Global Village

My friends are a varied lot—politically, spiritually, even sexually. Among them, there are Greens as well as Democrats, those who do and never do "the gym," and even some who prefer Bud to Rolling Rock. Yet, despite our modest diversity we do share a common cultural heritage. Every one of them could tell you, without hesitation, what The Bradys decided to get with their 94 books of trading stamps, or how Marsha Brady managed to get a date with that "dreamy" Desi Arnaz, Jr. My friends can debate, with all due passion, why the Brady boys *should not* have gotten perms, or why Jan—everyone's favorite Brady—*should* have won an Emmy for her post-Brady role in *Dawn: Portrait of a Teenage Prostitute*. Born in the '60s, my generation came of age in the culturally warped second half of the '70s, that demi-decade ruled by Donny and Marie, macrame plant holders and an illness known as "dance fever." "The Brady Bunch" was simply one of the best things going. So we were—and we are—Bunchies.

Television, as a social and cultural force, routinely cuts across the lines—economic, political, geographic—that traditionally divide people. Television has the unsettling effect of seeming to connect every corner of the planet to every other, creating the feel and appearance of living in a vast electric tribe. Media guru Marshall McLuhan put it this way: "The new electronic interdependence recreates the world in the image of a global village." We have become—we always will be—global villagers.

Life in the global village is, as the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia says, "a long, strange trip." Even if you have watched very little television yourself, you still have to interact everyday with people who do watch. There are, after all, more U.S. households with television sets than there are households with refrigerators or indoor plumbing...it seems that owning a TV is now more essential than owning a toilet!

Even the most conservative estimates suggest that half of our available leisure time will, over the course of our lives, be given to television viewing. When the average child reaches 18, she will have spent more time watching television than doing anything else, besides sleeping. Welcome to the global village.

Telling Visions

The research on the impact of this abundance of television is conflicted. Still, there is general agreement that television helps shape our social realities, cultivate our values and set the public agenda. Television may not tell us *what to think*, but it does tell us *what to think about*. The medium is also influential in determining *how we think about* things.

How, according to television, might the nation be thinking about gays and lesbians? On television programs, we are seldom presented as continuing *characters*, but only as the occasional and provisional *problem* to be solved by the "regular" cast. We are almost never addressed directly as members of the audience; the "we" of television newscasters and talk-show hosts is always a heterosexual "we." Gay and lesbian youth are completely ignored; though teen characters are everywhere on the tube, they are all presented as *very* straight (even if a particular teen actor seems *very* queer).

A homosexual character first appeared on television in 1967, in an episode of the police-drama series *N.Y.P.D.* But it was in the years between 1972 and 1974 that television really "discovered" gays and lesbians...much to our chagrin. NBC gave us Linda Blair in *Born Innocent*, confirming what many Americans already believed: Homosexuality is what happens to bad girls. The network also featured an episode of *Police Woman* in which lesbians were characterized as raping murderers (a theme that would be adopted virtually intact, some 20 years later, in Carolco Picture's *Basic Instinct*). On ABC, the good doctor Marcus Welby encountered a homosexual pedophile, in a plot pandering to the notion that homosexuality and child molestation go hand-in-hand. Queers had had enough.

Largely in response to that episode of *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, lesbians and gays undertook the movement's first national protest against a television network. The Gay Media Task Force set up shop in Hollywood, agitating for better treatment in the media and consulting with the networks on the subject of homosexuality. The GMTF committed itself to information, *not* censorship, a commitment that continues to characterize gay and lesbian media activism.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area general membership meetings are held the third Sunday of each month, 7:00 pm, at The Women's Building, 3543 18th St. (between Valencia and Guerrero). For information about the Phone Tree and other GLAAD activities: GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., Suite B, SF 94114; (415) 861-4588.

Al Kielwasser has written widely about the mass media and popular culture. Recently, he edited the anthology Gay People, Sex and the Media *(Haworth/Harrington Park Press, 1991) and co-authored* American Electric: An Introduction to Broadcasting and Electronic Media *(McGraw-Hill, 1992).*

The Nature of Bias

The authors of *Talk Back! The Gay Person's Guide to Media Action* suggest a number of ways in which homophobic and heterosexist bias shows up:

- *The homosexual adjective*: Observe how the adjective "homosexual" gets used. News anchors still report such things as "a homosexual murder," but never refer to "a heterosexual murder." Queers are often said to be fighting for "gay rights"—rather than our civil rights—as if we are seeking special privileges.
- *Isolation/Inclusion*: Gays and lesbians often go unmentioned in journalistic treatments of such broad subjects as "The Family," "Teen Suicide," and "Love and Romance in the '90s." Defamation by omission is often more insidious than more direct slurs.
- *Lesbian invisibility*: Lesbians are often twice-cursed by television, subject to homophobia *and* sexism (as well as racism, if they are persons of color). Often, lesbians are simply excluded from any coverage at all. The work of gay male activists receives more news coverage; white gay males pop up more frequently as characters on entertainment programs.
- *Hitler's opinion*: Right-wing extremists are frequently included in "balanced" talk-show discussions of homosexuality, even though Hitler would not be included in a balanced "discussion of anti-Semitism, nor would a member of the Ku Klux Klan be called in for a discussion of civil rights." Giving uncontested air-time to such views does not result in balance, but a perpetuation of ignorance.
- *Adjectives*: Pay close attention to how adjectives get used differently in regard to homosexual and heterosexual references. For example, a het bar is "popular," while a queer bar is "crowded."

As you watch television, *respond to the bias you observe*. Write to local television stations, the networks, and production companies to inform them of your pleasure or displeasure. Remind them that homophobia is not a joke, that heterosexism is as ignorant as sexism and racism, and that millions of gay, lesbian and bisexual viewers help make up the television audience. Send copies of your correspondence to your local GLAAD chapter.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

Currently, a major force in media activism is GLAAD—the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Founded in 1985, GLAAD chapters exist across the country, in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, National Capital Area, San Francisco Bay Area, Santa Cruz, South Florida and Virginia. New chapters continue to form and a national organization, GLAAD/USA, was set into motion in mid-1991.

GLAAD activists claim a number of impressive victories. After Bob Hope disparagingly used the word "fag" on *The Tonight Show*, GLAAD convinced the "comedian" to produce a public service announcement condemning homophobic hate crimes. The organization also encouraged the U.S. Postal Service to issue a Lesbian and Gay Pride postmark, which it did in observance of the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall resistance.

Locally, GLAAD members monitor Bay Area media, continuously pressuring for less heterosexist/homophobic and more gay-and-lesbian-positive coverage. Representatives from various media organizations are grilled at GLAAD meetings, often with positive results. Gay and lesbian media creators and critics have also shared their insights at these monthly gatherings. Various smaller GLAAD committees, which often meet weekly, work on developing response strategies, monitoring various media, or simply getting the newsletter into the mail.

GLAAD UPDATE, the Bay Area chapter's monthly newsletter, carefully documents recent instances of anti-gay/lesbian defamation and provides the essential information for quick and effective responses.

For those who cannot always attend meetings or walk informational picket lines, GLAAD/SFBA operates a "Phone Tree." Designed to "make it easy for you to fight back," the Phone Tree alerts members to incidents of defamation within 48 hours of their occurrence. Activations are not exclusively limited to negative occurrences; incidents of excellence in media coverage are also grounds for a Phone Tree activation. Phone Tree members are called by a GLAAD representative and informed that there has been an activation. Then, members can call a 24-hour Hotline to hear the recorded activation message. The message explains the incident and provides all the information the listener will need if she or he decides to respond with a letter or phone call to the "target."

Recent Phone Tree activations have targeted *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, a program that consistently ignores gay and lesbian news in its "comprehensive" coverage of the day's events. The anti-gay/lesbian diatribes of KGO Radio talk-show host Jim Eason came under fire when he explained to his vast audience that "there is no such thing as homophobia" and that a distinction ought to be made between "innocent" and "guilty" persons who are HIV-positive. In late August, the first national Phone Tree activation orchestrated by GLAAD/USA took the Public Broadcasting System to task for censoring the short film *Stop the Church*, which documents a major ACT UP/New York demonstration.

Watching Television

Inasmuch as we are all affected by the mass media, we should all consider what contributions we might make to media activism. Perhaps more than ever, it is vitally important that gays and lesbians turn a critical eye toward the media in our lives, and especially that most potent and pervasive medium—television. Certainly, our enemies are doing as much.

The American Family Federation and its offshoot band of "Christian Leaders for Responsible Television" are working diligently to ensure that only conservatively correct (i.e., hateful and bigoted) messages about homosexuality travel the nation's airwaves. The AFF encourages its members to criticize the networks whenever the topic of homosexuality is presented in anything but a disparaging light. The group also targets advertisers on "pro-homosexual programs" and has called for a national boycott against such television shows as *Gabriel's Fire, L.A. Law,*

(continued on page 46)

THE WRITE STUFF

BY DAVE FORD

Don't Stop 'Til You Get a Facelift

Let's play word association, okay? I'll say a name; you say the first thing that pops into your mind.

Ready?

Michael Jackson.

Did you say "freak?" Twisted? Pathetic? Sick? So far out of touch with reality that he makes George Bush look sane? Whatever your response, Jackson's ruckus-raising "Black or White" video and his over-the-top Nov. 27 *MTV 10th Anniversary* performance (did you *love* the floating winged creature?) re-establish the once-relevant, surgically damaged "superstar" as a carny-quality oddity for the info-techno age.

Even illogic-worshipping *New York Daily News* gossip redactor Liz Smith wonders in her Nov. 25 column what "Jackson [has] done to himself." Ever the Liz, she naturally misses the point: "Thanks to skin bleaching and plastic surgery, he is now curiously asexual." No, no: thanks to skin bleaching and plastic surgery, *he now looks exactly like Diana Ross*. It's the *female hormones* that make him "curiously asexual."

Liz, once a mere gossip columnist, is now a semiotician: she deconstructs Jackson's controversial crotch-clawing, windshield-smashing video rampage as representing "the agonizing aspect presented to America's youth by the idea of 'safe sex.' " (No explanation why the latter phrase is in quotes.) Please continue, Professor Smith. "Busting up the car just illustrates the sheer frustration of the sex drive in an era of AIDS. This is my take on it."

I *see*.

MIKE? MIKE?? MIKE??? *MIKE!!!!*

It's fun to joke about Michael ("Miss Jackson," if you're nasty; "Miss Ross," if you're his chauffeur), but there's something eerily sad about his visceral dissociation. (This is my take on it.)

LaToya Jackson recently publicized her father's alleged physical and sexual abuse of the Jackson family. The revelations may explain Michael's isolation, self-obsession, paranoiac control tendencies, complete lack of an apparent personal (or, really, public) identity, and the implied self-mutilation of his incessant plastic surgery: all are classic abuse survivor characteristics.

By so radically altering himself physically, Jackson appears to be distancing himself from his child self (the one that endured the abuse). He also appears to be inexorably eradicating any family resemblance—especially to the man his sister claims physically brutalized her (and may have sexually abused him as well?).

Experts in the field say some sexual abuse survivors become perpetrators themselves—a telling notion, given what two *National Enquirer* reports (July 9 and Dec. 3) call Jackson's "obsessive" friendship with 11-year-old film star Macauley Caulkin (who appears in "Black or White").

Granted, the *Enquirer* is hardly a paragon of credible journalism. The implied pedophilic relationship—crafted with libel-aware care—is witch-hunt material. Caveats noted, however, the news is disconcerting, considering Jackson's previous friendships with other little boys. *Rolling Stone* even reported a couple of years ago that Jackson gave a 10-year-old companion a replica of his leather-'n'-bondage *Bad* outfit.

Maybe the 33-year-old Jackson just likes kids: as regressed as he appears to be—this is not a man willing to confront adulthood—he may feel safest with humans two decades his junior. Perhaps hanging out with an 11-year-old allows Jackson to recapture the childhood that, if his sister is to be believed, was stolen from him by a violently autocratic father.

Or maybe not; we may never know.

obsession with 'Home Alone' child star
Michael Jackson's weird
He whisks 10-year-old on dream vacation & both act like little boys
'Obsessed' Michael Jackson in 'Home Alone' shocker
DELTA WEDS AGAIN — in Scarlett O'Hara style
'L.A. Law' star quits — she was forced to play lesbian love scenes on TV
NATIONAL ENQUIRER
"Michael has become like Peter Pan . . . and now he's trying to convince Macaulay to fly away to never-never land with him"

SHE WHO WOULD LOVE BOYS, MEN

Responding to the Jackson video furor, *New York Post* "society" columnist Billy Norwich—who, thank *God*, is now syndicated in the *Examiner*; how did we survive all these years without him?—wrote Nov. 22 that unlike Jackson, Madonna is a "genius" at "[coming] to New York, [going] to all the clubs and [hitting] the streets so she can learn what's new…[S]everal months later, the result ends up on the cover of *Rolling Stone*."

Or *TV Guide*, the Nov. 23 issue of which features a Madonna cover celebrating (plugging?) her Nov. 27 *MTV 10th Anniversary* appearance on ABC. (The story is penned by—we *were* discussing incest, weren't we?—Kurt Loder, *the MTV News anchor*.)

Madonna—whose anniversary-show monologue dissed everyone from Jackson to Cher to Paula Abdul—tells Loder that after an MTV-less three months filming Penny Marshall's *A League of Their Own* in Evanston, Ill., she was cheered to return home and see "some really good-looking guys with great bodies who, like, pull their pants down on MTV." C+C Music Factory's Freedom Williams is "good from the neck down"; Gerardo bores her ("I'm not into hair extensions"); and Axl Rose "doesn't have any muscle tone."

But a certain young pants-dropping rapper—you didn't *really* think we'd get through this column without a Marky Mark mention, did you?—wows her: "I turn the TV on and there's a boy in his underwear—for 20 minutes. I thought *I* was bad." Adds she: "He's *very* cute. He's adorable. What *else* can he do?"

Hey, Madonna—who the fuck *cares*?

WE ARE THE WORLD, WE OWN CHICKS' BODIES...

Madonna's a meta-bimbo: even as she's unusually sexy, and sexual, she parodies the idea of bimbo-ness—a staple of the MTV diet. And the music television network looks open-minded by symbiotically allowing Madonna to send up MTV, as she did on the anniversary show.

But MTV—which heavily promotes First Amendment rights—becomes tellingly censorious when it's faced with actual dissection. University of Mass. media critic Sut Jhally's 55-minute video, "Dreamworlds: Desire/Sex/Power in Rock Video," culled from video clips he shows his media classes, suggests the not-altogether-original notion that videos' female objectification fosters societal violence against women. What's orginal is that MTV recently tried to squelch the video.

In the women's quarterly *On the Issues* (Winter), Jhally tells interviewer Fred Pelka that, shockingly, his students didn't have the tools to deconstruct the MTV images he showed them. (Perhaps semiotician Liz Smith should guest lecture.) "People are not…media literate," Jhally says, "and the tape is an attempt to get people to be literate about the images with which they surround themselves."

Jhally adds that MTV sent him a cease-and-desist letter. Jhally's response? "I sent out a press release…. The press has focused on this as a censorship issue, rather than as as trademark violation, which is how MTV wanted to frame it." MTV, he says, "backed off."

Regarding society's views of sexuality, Jhally says "my problem is not that there's too much discussion of sex, but that there's not enough. I want to see discussion [of sexuality] by feminists, gays, African Americans."

(For info on obtaining "Dreamworlds," write The Foundation for Media Information, P.O. Box 2008, Amherst, MA 01004.)

PUT YOUR HAND IN THE HAND OF THE MAN WHO FUCKED HIS SECRETARY

How does MTV get that way? A Dec. 6 *Entertainment Weekly* cover story on sexual harassment in showbiz includes a report on Abbey Konowitch, 40, former Arista Records video and artist development VP. A former Arista employee tells reporter Melissa Rawlins that Konowitch asked female office workers, "Can I touch your thighs? Can I bite your ass?" He instructed an intern to shoot rubber bands at one woman's rear. When female office workers asked for vacation time, Konowitch replied, "Scratch my back, and I'll think about it."

Despite numerous complaints, Roy Lott, general manager of Arista Records, tells the mag, "We found no basis for taking any action against Abbey Konowitch."

And where's Konowitch today? Surprise: he's now senior vice president for music and talent—at MTV.

OR IS IT JUST A SORT OF ARMOIRE?

Another former MTV bimbo send-up, Queen's Freddie Mercury, died of AIDS Nov. 24, a day after publicly disclosing he had the disease.

Mercury said in a prepared statement that he'd resisted going public earlier to "protect the privacy of those around me." That says as much about the singer's dignity as about the disastrous stigma AIDS continues to bear—especially, as my English friend James notes, in Britain. News reports said that Mercury—a Queen's queen who colonized drag, androgyny and even the clone look, then sold them to the straight rock masses—was "frank" about his "bisexuality."

The *LA Times* called Mercury "rock's first major AIDS casualty," both a dubious distinction and an indication of the disease's ever-widening entertainment world swath. An admirable Nov. 29 *Entertainment Weekly* AIDS-in-showbiz/arts pictorial featured faces of 37 of the 67 entertainment-world deaths this year; none was a rocker's. *As bands like Guns N' Roses flaunt their potentially* lethal IV drug habits, pop stars like Elton John and George Michael, among others, donate time and proceeds to AIDS organizations. But they're fighting from the closet—as Mercury did, as so many others do.

THE MAGIC FADES

Did somebody say "closet"? Making recent appearances as a new member of President Bush's National Commission on AIDS, HIV-positive former basketball star Magic Johnson—whose tough safe-sex stance encouraged hope among AIDS educators—is mouthing the Administration's "abstinence" line. It's sad, though not surprising, that a man accustomed to selling himself to corporations would be so easily assimilated by the right, in exchange for what appears to be political legitimacy. Feh!

Amidst ongoing Magic Johnson media fallout, exemplary nongay *Chron* columnist Jon Carroll scored again Nov. 21; he wrote that Magic's early heterosexual proclamations "sent the message that a gay encounter was something so loathsome that it was worth strenuously denying. It would be nice if the gay community did not have to swallow hard, ignore the slights and look on the positive side. It's a bitter pill from the same big bottle."

NOW YOU CAN FIND THAT GODDAMNED ALLEY—IN THE *DARK*

Two bitter pills from the same big coast—the east one—are the self-acknowledged "transplants with shitty attitudes" who just released "Betty and Pansy's Severe Queer Review of San Francisco," the first exclusive SF how-and-where-to gay guide since the *Advocate* produced one in the '70s.

These *extremely* unwell lads researched the City's bars, cruising spots, sex clubs, religious organizations and restaurants. Now we—and our guests—know The Corral doesn't encourage drag; the Stud has "lots of collegiate-type boys running around with spots of diversity here and there"; Collingwood Park "is most active between 2 am and 6 am"; to Cafe Flore you'd best "bring your sexiest outfit, force field of attitude, and new 'do'"; and on and on. (And *on*.)

It's priceless: just six bucks. Get it at Different Light Books. Proceeds should go to a *desperately* needed rest cure.

SPURTS

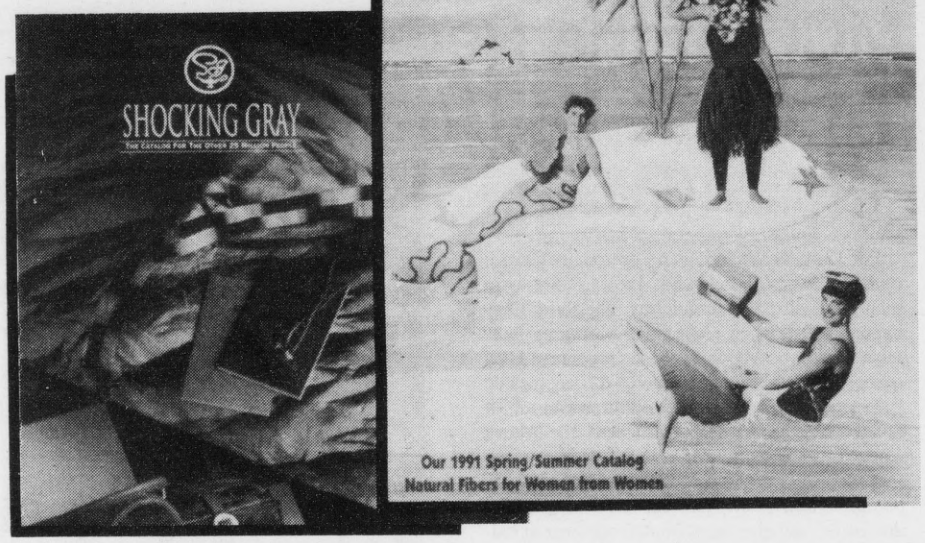
• I'll never use it again—I *promise*! *Rolling Stone* film crit Peter Travers (Dec. 12): "Let history show that 1991 was a most excellent year for movies. *Not*!" The Dec. *Esquire* cover: "Seasons Greetings from [celebs, including] Madonna—NOT!" Old lady to ex-Stray Cat guitarist Brian Setzer, in a current Bud TV ad: "You're pretty good—NOT!" Hed on Nov. 27 Rob Morse *Ex* piece: "A really touching column. Not." Morse says the phrase is a "candidate for linguistic termination." Hmmm: I *always* agree with Rob Morse… *NOT*!!!!

• I'm turning 35 next week; hold your applause. But come celebrate on Friday, Dec. 13 at Paula's Clubhouse, 3060-16th (near Valencia), after 10 pm (Friday is now the queer '70s night, "Evolute"). Two bucks off door cover with this column; go-go boys in white briefs promised. No gifts—your presence is your present.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

Home Shopping for Queers



Home Shopping: No, I'm not talking about shopping for a home (who could afford it now anyway?). I'm referring to a relaxing evening by the fireside, warm beverage in hand, and, snuggled on your lap...a stock of mail order catalogs. You can tell my personal life is just a-hoppin'.

Seriously, out here on this spit of sand the nearest K mart is an hour's drive, so us gals and guys are constantly perusing the stacks of J. Crew/Tweeds/Nature Company yuppie slicks that pave the pathway to popularity and happiness. Hiccough. But, truly, I'm a mail-order shopper these days so it is with some pleasure that I see that mail order for queers is on the way up.

Shocking Gray proclaims that it is "The Catalog for the other 25 Million People" and its premiere issue hit our shores last month giving us all something to chuckle at, if not something to order. A slick, 20-page glossy, *Shocking Gray* looks from the outside like a cross between Sharper Image and Crate and Barrel. Its pages are full of *"lifestyle."* And that lifestyle is just oh-so-gay.

Each page displays a scenario: a museum, a restaurant, an airport, a—*gasp*—bedroom. And within each frame two yuppie-type white queers appeal to our fantasy. Par example, in *zee* first photo a fortyish "guy" stands before a full length mirror with his shirt half buttoned; his mate encircles him from behind. For sale: the mirror, ("Garbo's Glamour is epitomized in this free standing...") a "museum quality photo" of a drag queen putting on his face, and the black and white checked "floorcloth." You know the look.

There are boys at the museum staring at brass rubbings of "knights" ("Come up and see my rubbings?"), while two others lounge in matching pajamas on matching bedclothes. There's a page for fathers, which includes two children (suitable for framing but not for sale) and a dog (and dog perfume). An airport scene is punctuated by the cruising eyes of one lad for another while two lesbians wait patiently in the background for their plane.

You can find gals elsewhere in the mag. A pair of thirtysomething lesbians leer at each other over tamales (yes, the tamales are for sale) while several pages later two lesbo-clones (even their hair color is the same) slip baklava into each other's mouths. The question we have to ask: Do they think lesbians just do food?

It's a clever marketing strategy. I did look/linger longer over *Shocking Gray* than I did its straight counterparts. It's a cultural relic and as such, I'm always eager to rip into it. But as for stuff, like would I pull my checkbook? Not I. But you might. You can reach 'em at 1-800-788-4729. A most interesting footnote: Credit card companies refused the Gray team their services, due apparently to the "nature" of the catalog. As a result *Shocking Gray* is offering its own charge card until such time as AmEx, Visa and the Masterboys come around.

Meanwhile I'll share info on my favorite of home shopping catalogs: *Travis Place Briefs*, or as they call themselves, "The Natural Inquirer." Somewhere in North Carolina (Durham) there's a wacky bunch of gals who have a hey-day coming up with crazy modeling ideas for what are essential, fairly boring (but utilitarian and therefore on my list) underclothes and all-cotton clothing. And we are talking really wack-o. I guarantee you haven't seen anything like this catalog, anywhere.

Travis Place bills itself as "The Company designed to help women overcome their anti-fashion feelings and early underwear trauma by putting a little fun into shopping." Their motto: "No one comes into the world with clothing on, and you can't take it with you, so why get bent out of shape buying it." Women after my own heart—in more ways than one.

The clothes/bras/panties in TP's catalog are modeled by an array of women, different sizes (small to XXX), different colors (a multi-racial group), and different body types. And they don't just stand around looking pretty— the presentation is different, too. We're talking here about gals, *real gals*, doing crazy things like donning a '60s flowered swim cap for the bathing suit scene, which includes a blow-up dolphin and fake starfish. And what about that strong gal curling a bowling ball, or the bra shown on a model with hard hat and a wrench, or the model perched precariously (not!) on a sawhorse, or even...what? The woman in a slip *putting out the trash?*

Ah, my descriptions don't do these gals justice. These women are hot in a way Victoria's Secret hasn't even dreamed of. (I'm personally taken by the page 3 girl: Those legs in those biking shorts grace my fridge as inspiration.) And I imagine these women have fun with their work. Call 'em for your own bit of fun and games; 1-800-388-4101. Happy shopping.

Lesbians in the media?: No, never, except when Dan Quayle and several other cronies make "lesbian" jokes. Then we even make it into the *NY Times*! Wow. A spate of anti-lesbo stuff prompted a Quayle press secretary to apologize for his antics. I'm not going to go into the rounds of jokenesses and how they got written up—too tedious—but suffice to say we didn't get well represented. Surprised? Ho hum.

Insult to injury #181999: "How I survived" by Clarence Thomas' wife, Virginia, on the cover of last month's *People* mag. "Clarence will give everyone a fair day in court, but I feel he doesn't owe any of the groups who opposed him anything." Gee, and I thought these guys were hired to interpret the law, not play out their personal grievances. Tacky, Virginia.

How will you survive? The wholly dazed next three weeks? Me, I've decided to stay here on this spit of sand and hole up, myself. I've got a three-sixty view of the water, a few seals that visit each morning, and a stack of home shopping to get done. I may not even step foot in a mall. Heavens, what's my world coming to. Good luck out there.

An Event for Women
Bay Area Career Women Presents

New Year's Eve
Dinner & Dance

Two ballrooms:
Swing Fever Band
or
Live D.J. Denise Dunné

7:30 pm – 2:30 am
December 31, 1991

Miyako Hotel
San Francisco

Dinner/Dance reservations thru December 26
$65 BACW cardholders; $75 all others.
No Host Bar
Information or Charge by phone: 415/495-5393

No Refunds. No tickets at the door.

Women's Health Is Political

WHAM

WOMEN'S HEALTH ACTION & MOBILIZATION

Join women concerned about women's health—abortion, HIV, cancer, poverty, health insurance—to build a Bay Area chapter of WHAM, to work in a cooperative, supportive fashion for women's health now!

Mon., Dec. 9, 1991, 7:30PM

Women's Building
3543 18th Street, SF

All women welcome childcare available
for info & childcare call 563-0724 by December 7

Wheelchair accessible. No scents please.

THE WOMEN'S BOOKSTORE
between SF and the Russian River

ClaireLight, inc.

1110 Petaluma Hill Rd • Suite 5
Santa Rosa, California 95404
(707) 575-8879
Open Monday-Friday 10—6:30
Saturday 10—5 Sunday 12—5

Fine Portraits
Make Great Gifts!

Sb
PHOTOGRAPHY

Steven Baratz
415.863.3353

COMMUNITY FORUM

MCC of the Redwoods To Close Its Doors Dec. 8

A Closing Message by Rev. Coni Staff

For 12 years Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwoods has served Marin County's lesbian/gay/bisexual communities. The church was begun in 1979 when a handful of Marin residents wished to see an MCC started in the county. They asked Rev. Jim Sandmire, later to become the Pastor of Golden Gate Metropolitan Church of San Francisco, to help them start the Marin Church. And thus, MCC of the Redwoods (MCCR) was born. Like most churches and nonprofit organizations, MCCR has had ups and downs through the years—both moments of tension and moments of tremendous grace and success.

Three and a half years ago I was called to be Pastor of MCCR, having just graduated from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. In the last three years, the church has played a major role in helping to gather the lesbian and gay community together by initiating and serving as organizing sponsor of Marin's first two Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Freedom Parades in '90 and '91. The church also helped institute and organize the community-wide '89, '90 and '91 Marin National Coming Out Day Celebrations, including hosting an interfaith service as one of the three events each year.

I want to tell you about something very powerful that has just happened regarding the church, and I want to tell you *how I personally experienced it*. If you had been there, you would have witnessed how and why I have grown to love and be so proud of these people who are MCC of the Redwoods.

It was Sunday night, Nov. 10th. It had been a difficult week for me. Janie Spahr, my partner, is Executive Director of The Ministry of Light, which is the community service and resource center for gay, lesbian and bisexual people in Marin—as well as being the co-founding agency some years ago for emotional, practical and spiritual support for people with AIDS and their partners and friends. Janie and I, however, were facing a possible career decision and relocation back East for her. A Presbyterian Church in New York State had asked her to be its final candidate for a co-pastorate position—certainly something we never thought would happen since Janie is so very "out" in the church. This decision was staring us in the face, and it seemed our lives were hanging in the balance. How could we ever leave the Bay Area? It was all so painful to think about. That afternoon we had had a "family meeting" about it all—Jimmy and Chetty, Janie's and Jim's two sons, and Jim and Jackie Spahr had driven to be with us. I had cried with them that afternoon. Then it was time to leave to prepare for MCCR's service. Off I drove.

Also it had been a difficult week for me because I knew that night I would be telling the congregation that I could no longer continue being their Pastor. I would need to tell them that there simply was not enough time for me to serve as Pastor and to work my full-time job as teacher and coach at City College San Francisco (a position I had begun last August). I was sad inside because we had all gone through so much together these past years.

The service began—the usual announcements, songs, lighting of The Flame of Presence around HIV and life-threatening illnesses—and then I was to lead Community Prayer. And I was silently asking God, "How do I do this"? How do I tell them about how much this possibility for Janie is bearing down on us? How do I tell them, God, about it being time for me to resign?"

I looked out at their faces—24 of them. This was my family. These were people I love. I was feeling so much that I hardly knew what to feel. So many different emotions at the same time. Tears came to the surface. I asked them what they would like to pray about and told them I would then explain why they had just seen these tears from me. After we began our prayer together, I told them about resigning and how much they and the church meant to me. I told them, as scary and as wonderful as it was, about the job possibility in New York for Janie. More tears came. We ended Community Prayer by those 23 people encircling Janie and me, standing in silence as we touched one another. You see, we really do believe in prayer. I love these people.

After the service, we were scheduled to have our monthly congregational business meeting. I had drafted out the agenda to try to be as helpful as possible to the congregation in this next transition. (After all, Advent and Christmas Seasons are fast approaching and we need to go about planning those services.) We started the meeting. Seventeen had stayed. I passed out the agenda. We prayed together. I began moving through last meeting's minutes, the treasurer's report, the pastor's report... and suddenly two of the congregants asked to speak. Each independently in their own words said, in effect, "I think there are things not listed on the agenda that we may need to talk about first before we continue. Given your resignation tonight and the last number of months, where are we as a church? We need to talk about that." Others' heads around the circle were nodding "yes" as if maybe they had talked before coming to church that night, but they hadn't.

"Of course...then let's talk." We talked for a long time, each person around the table sharing thoughts and how much MCCR had meant to them. Some around the circle had been members for years; some had been attending for a few months; one woman had come to her first service that very night.

—One said it boiled down to a matter of integrity. She felt she could not continue being a part of MCCR with integrity when we don't have the income or resources to pay adequate salaries and to stay out of debt.

— Another expressed his feeling that there just wasn't energy to keep all we've tried to do going without more people to share in the work.

— One expressed his thought that it was probably time to decide to close the church with intentionality, and to celebrate the hundreds of lives that had been touched over these 12 years.

— One talked about so believing in resurrection that she was now really sensing something will again be born in Marin, but that this phase of MCC in the county must first end.

— One shared that she did not know how she and her partner could have made it through last May's trauma in their lives without the support of the people in that room and the love of the church.

—Another expressed his deep frustration and grieving because he had just found MCCR a few weeks ago and had felt such warmth and connection, only now to hear that it all might not continue.

Throughout most of this discussion, one of the members had shed many tears. He sat on the other side of the circle from me in his wheelchair. He had not often come in a wheelchair, but he had told us earlier during Community Prayer that he was feeling his body grow weaker again trying once more to deal with "this virus." We all understood his tears. This church had been with him as his lover grew weak from "this virus." We had been with him as his lover lay for months in their living room in a hospital bed. We had helped prepare meals; had done what we could to help keep things picked up; had tried to be present, even if in silence, to let them both know how much they were loved. Michael had died 18 months ago. And now Dan has a wonderful relationship with Dean; yet, maybe facing the same things he so ached about as he saw Michael go through them. Would he be facing them now without the support of the church? We all understood his tears. And we all knew inside that we still will be there with him—as an "official" church or as an "unofficial" one.

I looked at Mel. His eyes were red. He and I had seen so many things through together. He said he hadn't wanted to come that night, and as he sat in the service he kept asking God about MCCR's future. He had heard the words come back to him, "Let go." His reply to those silent words was "NO, I don't want to let go." And again the words, "Let go." As he talked to us more tears filled his eyes. We looked at one another and there was silence.

Each person spoke with such tenderness and vulnerability—and so honestly. Incredibly deep caring for one another seemed to fill the room, and we were thankful for how God had drawn such diverse people as all of us together. Then

(continued on page 46)

LONG-TERM RECOVERY

If you've been clean and sober for at least one year, ask yourself:

YES	NO	Is sex threatening my recovery?	YES	NO	Is grief making it hard for me to stay clean and sober?
YES	NO	Is maintaining safe sex difficult for me clean and sober?	YES	NO	Is one of my favorite songs in recovery "Is That All There Is"?
YES	NO	Does my HIV status impact my recovery?	YES	NO	Does the thought of change frighten me?
YES	NO	Are my current relationships running on "old tapes"?	YES	NO	Am I afraid of relapsing?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, 18th Street Services can help you.

18th Street Services now offers a Long-Term Recovery Group to gay and bisexual men who have been clean and sober for at least one year. This group is open to both graduates of 18th Street Services as well as to gay and bisexual men who have never been through our program. We know that getting clean and sober is hard and that maintaining your sobriety is equally difficult.

Call us. Our services are offered at a sliding scale and no one is turned away for lack of money. Insurance is accepted. Our staff is gay, bisexual and multicultural. We can give you the help you need. 18th Street Services cares.

Space is limited. Call now.

18th Street Services

861-4898 (English); 861-8803 (Spanish)

Funding provided by the San Francisco Department of Public Health

Good Timing: Agnos Announces Funds for Youth Center

BY MICHELE DERANLEAU

Mayor Agnos took a giant step toward rounding up the gay support that will be critical for his re-election, committing $500,000 to obtain a site for a gay, lesbian and bisexual youth center at a campaign photo opportunity with gay youth and youth advocates on Monday, Dec. 2.

Members of the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC), which was established in 1988, in conjunction with Gay/Lesbian Youth Advocates and the Delinquency Prevention Commission of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, have been working for over a year to add monetary support to Agnos' early verbal promise.

"Gay and lesbian youth have really been isolated," said Diana Phillips, 19, of the GLYA task force. "The center means a place for queer youth to go and be themselves. Young people have needs and concerns that are not thought about. We're taken for granted."

But Agnos isn't taking anything for granted as the election draws near, especially not the gay support that is crucial to his victory. "Agnos has realized he is going to have to kiss some butt," said Eric Ciasullo of GLYA. "But the center is the issue, and obviously he is going to have to be elected for this to go forward."

Agnos managed to alienate much of his support during his first term, and the announcement of the funding for the youth center at the same time he is fighting for his political survival is no coincidence.

But Agnos said he understands the importance of the center, and said state funding just came through to make it possible. He also said the passage of Proposition J, which sets aside 2.5 percent of the city budget for children and youth services, means he will be able to maintain his commitment once elected. "This is something that is very important to me," Agnos said. "It was just a matter of coming up with the money. Now we've got the money and we're moving forward."

"You may wonder why this is coming now," said Greg Day of Coleman Youth Advocates, "and yes, we did promise to help him get elected.

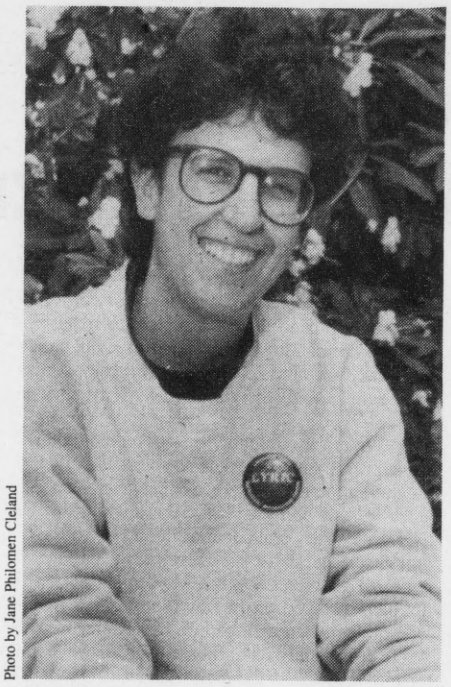


Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Beth Kivel, adult coordinator of LYRIC, along with other advocates for young people, feels the larger gay/lesbian/bisexual community has ignored the needs of its youth.

Our community is key, so we really should work. We have a lot to gain by his election."

Outside the Mayor's office, Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg congratulated young activists from LYRIC and GLYA and said, "Whether Agnos wins or not, I meant my commitment to this center, and I will maintain that commitment whether city money is there or not."

The Jordan Campaign has also come out in favor of the youth center. "Not only does Jordan favor a center for gay and lesbian youth, but he would like it to be a focus for a major outreach effort for safe sex information," said Dan Willson, Jordan's gay liaison. "Whatever funding it takes, he's committed to it. Reaching young gays with safe sex information has been a big failure of the Agnos administration, and there's still no plan in place."

But youth activists are worried about a Jordan victory. "If Jordan becomes mayor, we're not going to get a youth center," said Vince Fuquas of LYRIC. Even if Jordan publicly favors the center, Fuquas said, "I don't trust him."

And they say the center needs to be a place where gay and lesbian youth can find community, not just deal with their problems. "I think Agnos gets it," said Achtenberg. "I think he knows that it goes beyond HIV prevention or AIDS services. It's about setting up a place where gay and lesbian youth can go to feel good about themselves."

Fuquas and Phillips said the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth are being neglected by both the city and the larger gay community. "We can't go to the bars," said Phillips, "or some of us can but don't want to. There's nothing right now that's just for us."

Fuquas said younger gays need to feel a sense of community among themselves, and need a safe space to form that sense of community. "Everything in the community is set up for older people," he says. "When there are a lot of older people around it can be intimidating to people who are just coming out. It's hard to feel safe."

At the same time, youth advocates feel the larger gay community has ignored the needs of its youth. "Gay and lesbian youth have not been identified as a population that needs services," said Beth Kivel of LYRIC. "Agnos' commitment is a recognition that they need social and recreational opportunities."

Ciasullo said even though Agnos' support for the center is political, "In order for him to mobilize support and raise money he had to recognize the community dissatisfaction that has built up over the years. Even with the timing, it's a major score."

24
HENRY

An intimate guesthouse located on a quiet, tree-lined street in the heart of the Castro district. Near numerous gay bars, restaurants and public transportation.

24 Henry Street • San Francisco
(415) 864-5686

The party people who provide more than you can imagine!

(415)267-4840

ALTERNATIVE MORTGAGE SOURCES

- *Take the hassle out of finding a real estate loan.*
- *No additional charge to use our personalized service.*
- *Find the loan with the best rate that is best for your needs.*
- *Access to over 70 lending sources and all types of real estate loans.*
- *We work throughout the greater Bay Area.*

RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL
REFINANCE
PURCHASE
VACATION HOMES
SELF-EMPLOYED

CALL BETH HOFFMAN
SF/PENINSULA (415) 861-5708 EAST/SOUTH BAY (415) 794-8004
2260 MARKET ST. ■ SAN FRANCISCO ■ CA ■ 94114

You are invited to spend Christmas with the MCC/SF family

Christmas Eve, December 24
Candlelight Communion Services: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Special family service with children's choir at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25
Community Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., followed by Potluck Christmas Dinner at Noon

Winter Solstice Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 21
Celebrate the birth of the sun goddess and the Festival of Lights.
Women-sponsored service—all welcome. 7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco 150 Eureka St. (at 18th)
Rev. Jim Mitulski, Pastor • Rev. Sharna Sutherin, Women's Outreach Coordinator
Sunday worship services at 9:00 & 11:00 am, 7:00 pm. • (415) 863-4434

KAREN RANES . . .
Automotive Broker

"Let me help you acquire a new vehicle for the holidays"
Karen

1992 Ford Explorer

2001 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94114
competitive financing and leasing available
861-6000
FAX 431-4954

LESBIANS With HIV

New Clinical Services Offered at OPERATION CONCERN

Services Include:

- Support with issues related to HIV & stress, Alcohol/Drugs, Relationships
- Individual, Family, Group
- Accessing social services, health care, housing, etc.

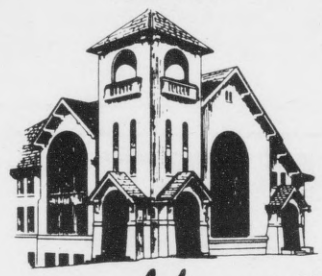
NO FEE FOR SERVICES

Contact: Miriam/Nan 252-6076

"The Bible As Friend of Lesbians & Gays"

PASTOR'S CLASS SUNDAYS AT 11 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP
12:45 PM
7:00 PM



golden gate
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Buddy Trulock, Pastor

1600 Clay St, San Francisco

567-9080

FREE OF CHARGE

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY

If you are concerned about the proper planning of your estate, you are invited to attend this free Seminar on one of the dates below.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- The Evils of Probate & How to Avoid Them.
- How to Avoid a Conservatorship.
- How to Make Certain Your Wishes are Followed.
- How to Maintain Control & Privacy of Your Estate.
- How to Reduce Estate and Capital Gain Taxes.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
7-9 PM

New Conservatory Theater
(formerly the Zephyr Theater)
25 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco

Mr. Peter J. Tamases has been engaged in the practice of law for 25 years. For the past 15 years he has also taught law, performed stand-up comedy, and presented seminars and workshops. He has incorporated his warm, up-beat style into his seminars. He is presently a part-time Law instructor at the University of San Francisco, and the author of the book, ***Property Planning For Seniors***. Mr. Tamases is eminently qualified to show you how proper planning can save you and your loved ones thousands of dollars. He will include remarks on the increasingly important area of living wills, Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care, and the "right to die."

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED– CALL (415) 626-3300

AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Soluble Melanins: Potential HIV Treatment?

In a June 1990 poster presentation at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical School reported that when a soluble melanin synthesized from L-dopa was fed to mice in their drinking water, their urine showed anti-HIV activity even when diluted up to 200 times. (Note: the animal results were presented only on the poster itself; the published abstract reports laboratory work in which the melanins blocked infection by three different HIV strains in three different cell lines, apparently by preventing viral gp120 from binding with the CD4 receptor on the cell surface.) There was no evidence of toxicity to the mice.

In addition to the conference presentation, two major papers on anti-HIV activity of melanins in laboratory tests have been published, both by the same Vanderbilt team led by David C. Montefiori, Ph.D., a well-known researcher who has co-authored dozens of papers and conference presentations on HIV. The melanin work has attracted little attention, however, because of widespread reluctance to believe that these common chemicals, widely found in nature and already present in the body in other forms, could possibly work as an antiviral.

Then about six weeks ago a chemist who had synthesized one of the soluble melanins in a home laboratory began taking a large dose, over 200 mg, once per day, for his own HIV treatment. He is enthusiastic about the result and provided the melanin to friends with HIV or AIDS. Today over six people are taking it. They are reporting good results, but almost no objective data is yet available.

Because of the power of the placebo effect, and the hopes and excitement of trying something new, many drugs go through a similar "honeymoon" period of early enthusiasm. Most of them later prove not to be useful. (There is even an old medical saying, "Make haste to use a new remedy, while it still has power to heal.") In view of the many disappointments in the history of AIDS drug development, there is much concern over the risk of a false alarm about something which may not work, and which could be harmful since it has not been through the standard toxicity tests in animals.

Because of this danger, we had mixed feelings about publishing this article now, instead of waiting until more is known. We decided to go ahead, since waiting will gain little; there will never be a "right" time. The peculiar nature of both melanin itself and of the prevailing attitudes toward it almost guarantees that this treatment lead will not be developed rapidly by the research mainstream, if it is developed at all. Therefore the AIDS community itself must take the lead in determining whether the early reports of good human results will be sustained. It is important that more people be involved in this effort.

Yet it is also important to realize that it is much too early to recommend melanins as an HIV treatment.

The peculiar nature of Melanin itself and of the prevailing attitudes toward it almost guarantees that this treatment lead will not be developed rapidly by the research mainstream, if it is developed at all.

BACKGROUND ON MELANINS

Melanins are pigments responsible for the color of skin, hair and eyes; they are also found in other organs, including the brain. In the body they are insoluble, however, and do not have an antiviral effect.

There are many different kinds of melanins. But while these chemicals have been familiar for decades (almost 5,000 published papers mentioning melanins since 1966 are listed in the Medline file of the U.S. National Library of Medicine), their chemical structure is still not entirely known. While melanins are generally considered relatively harmless, no medical use for them has ever been found. Therefore, while there are many papers studying the metabolism of melanins, especially in regard to melanoma (which is a cancer of melanin-producing cells), there are few if any published reports about administering these chemicals either to humans or to animals.

The form of melanin of most current interest as a possible HIV treatment is called l-dopa melanin. (Other melanins worked about as well in laboratory tests, but as far as we know, only this one has been tried in humans as an anti-HIV treatment.) In the laboratory, l-dopa melanin is easily synthesized from l-dopa, an amino acid which is found in certain edible beans and is best known as an important treatment for Parkinson's disease; the chemist who first tried taking the melanin used a synthesis procedure based on the one published by Dr. Montefiori; a similar procedure was published in 1938.

MELANINS AND HIV

Since there was little or no reason to suspect that any kind of melanin would have anti-HIV activity, we asked Dr. Montefiori why he first thought to try it. He explained that the discovery was in part accidental. He was studying a pigmented compound which showed anti-HIV activity in laboratory tests. Because he was familiar with melanins (having worked with them as a graduate student), because there was a theoretical possibility that they might account for the effect found, and because Dr. Montefiori had excellent facilities for economically screening substances for anti-HIV activity, he tried melanin to see if it might be causing the antiviral effect. It later turned out that the original substance being investigated did not contain melanin, but by then the antiviral activity of the chemical had already been noted.

The first of the two papers published so far on HIV and melanins appeared in April 1990 in *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications*, a journal which specializes in rapid publication of current research. In laboratory tests, melanin synthesized from three starting substances—dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin—prevented infection of cells at very low concentrations, with 50 percent protection with concentrations as low as 0.09 ug/ml (micrograms per milliliter). [Note: the unreacted starting substances used in this experiment (dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin) can be toxic to humans. The starting substances which were used in the later research, described below (L-tyrosine and L-dopa) are safer.]

In another experiment, higher concentrations were required to prevent the formation of syncytia, abnormal giant cells formed when HIV-infected cells merge with each other and with normal cells; concentrations of 5 ug/ml were needed for best results. But if infected cells were pre-incubated with melanin before being mixed with the uninfected cells, syncytia were inhibited at 0.625 ug/ml. By contrast, pre-incubation of the uninfected cells did not help. This difference suggests that melanins work by interacting directly with viral proteins, not by protecting normal cells; a beneficial consequence is that their action is not specific to any particular kind of cell.

The starting substances themselves were tested and found to have no antiviral effect—even though a small amount of melanin formed spontaneously (by oxidation) while the viral tests were being run.

Results of confirmatory and follow-up studies were published in January 1991 in *Antiviral Research*. Melanin synthesized from L-dopa provided 100 percent protection against two HIV strains, at 0.31 and 0.62 ug /ml respectively. It was also tested against HIV-2, a different AIDS virus found mostly in parts of Africa, and was found to be less effective; a 3 ug/ml concentration provided 50 percent protection.

Other research reported in the same paper explored the possible mechanisms of the antiviral activity of melanins. These substances seem to work early in the viral replication cycle; they need to be present with the virus (or viral proteins), since treating uninfected cells and then washing the melanin off does not protect the cells.

Another test showed that melanin inhibits binding of the viral protein gp120 to the CD4 receptor on T-cells—the mechanism by which the virus attaches to uninfected cells and enters them. Free gp120 or gp160, which bind to the CD4 receptor, were added to cell cultures; later, the unbound portion was washed away, and that which remained on the cells was measured. Melanin blocked this binding process; complete blockage of gp160 binding was achieved at 10 ug/ml, although gp120 binding was only partly blocked. Another experiment, with monoclonal antibodies, suggested that melanins specifically blocked the binding of HIV

proteins to the CD4 receptor, not binding to receptors in general.

Melanins were also found to have no effect on the enzyme reverse transcriptase. Therefore their antiviral effect is due to a different mechanism of action than that of AZT or other reverse-transcriptase inhibitors. It also appears that soluble melanins do not get inside the cells, which is consistent with the theory that they work by direct interaction with free virus, or with viral gp120 on the cell surface or elsewhere.

We asked Dr. Montefiori why the mouse-urine result presented at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS was not included in the published article. He told us that there was nothing wrong with the work, but that all the animal results had been deleted by the reviewer assigned by the journal, due to the preliminary nature of the experiments. There was also a prevailing skepticism in the scientific community about melanins as an antiviral. The animal work is important, because it shows that melanin given orally (or some antiviral component or product of it) could be absorbed by mice and appear in their urine, which then inhibited HIV even when diluted many times. Unfortunately, this evidence that soluble melanins may be orally bioavailable has not yet been published in the scientific literature. Additional pharmacological studies are urgently needed.

One reason for the skepticism about melanins is that no one knows their mechanism of action as an antiviral. Montefiori and Zhou suggest that certain chemical sites in melanin might bind to gp120 or another substance needed for viral entry into cells. Melanins "have been shown to contain substituted hydroxyindoles, indolequinones, pyrroles, free carboxylic acid groups, phenolic hydroxyls, carbon-based free radicals, and uncyclized aliphatic chains." Another possibility suggested in the same paper is that part of the melanin molecule might resemble a peptide sequence in gp120 and bind specifically to it.

Insoluble melanin in the body is "known to bind certain chloroquine and phenothiazine antibiotics." Whether soluble melanins would affect these antibiotics is unknown.

Biosource Genetics Corporation in Vacaville is developing melanins as an absorber of ultraviolet light in sunscreens, and also for possible medicinal uses. Bob Erwin, Biosource Genetics president, told *AIDS Treatment News* that the company's animal tests had found little or no toxicity, whether the chemicals were given orally or by injection—and that another potential advantage is that melanins can be produced at low cost. Biosource Genetics specializes in developing methods to manufacture high-purity melanins and related indole chemicals economically; its scientists recently published an article on using genetically engineered bacteria to produce new kinds of melanins. Dr. Erwin also noted that melanins occur in many foods.

ANECDOTAL REPORTS

The chemist who first tried the L-dopa melanin has been taking 200 mg per day for two months now. A total of eight people are now using it, with the same dose. Four of them have taken it for several weeks and reported back about their experience. (The chemist himself has tried a larger dose, up to 200 mg four times a day for a week, to look for any toxicity. He did not find any problem, but also did not find any additional benefit over the dose of 200 mg once per day.)

The most uniform result reported is that people felt much better, with energy, motivation and appetite coming back, starting very quickly, usually the day after the first dose. (The only exception is one person who was already feeling well did not notice any change). The chemist said that he felt better after starting the drug than he had since becoming ill. His myopathy is gone, neuropathy which he has had for two years has improved, and he has gained ten pounds after losing weight during his illness.

After three days his wife, who also has symptomatic HIV disease, started taking the melanin, also with good results. Both have taken it continuously for two months.

A third person, who had fevers, was feeling good and was back at work a day after starting the melanin. He once ran out of the drug for about a week and fevers returned; they went away after he restarted the treatment.

The fourth person had been hospitalized before starting melanin and was in such poor condition that his physician, a leading AIDS clinician, discontinued the patient's conventional drug treatments, believing that he had less than one week to live. He had starting taking melanin four days before the other treatments were discontinued. Recovery began several days after he started the melanin, and at his family's request, the regular medications were restarted. According to what we have heard both from the chemist and from a friend of ours who knows the patient well, this person greatly improved after starting melanin, becoming ambulatory and lucid; serious neuropathy had entirely disappeared by the sixth day (and has not returned since), and his skin was described as looking much better. The patient was discharged from the hospital one week after he had been expected to die, and a week later he was able drive his car. He is still seriously ill with MAC, despite treatment with clarithromycin.

The only bloodwork now available from anyone who has used melanin is from the chemist himself. His T-helper count had been declining very rapidly, losing about 30 percent a month for several months. The last count before starting the melanin was 100; the only count since, with blood drawn about three weeks after the treatment began, was 111. The increase of 11 is well within the range of error of the test. It is possible that the melanin treatment stopped or reversed the ongoing decline—but it is also possible that the apparent reversal was coincidence.

The melanin dose has usually been taken in the evening, usually with an antacid. The antacid might or might not be useful. Melanin is stable in acid, but it precipitates out of solution. It would likely dissolve again in the intestines, but this is not known. The antacid may help to keep it from coming out of solution in the stomach.

(continued on page 46)

it's here!

'Lino' Camera-ready PRINTING

high-resolution 1200-2400 dpi

- Full-Service Graphic Design
- Desktop Publishing
- IBM to Mac Conversion
- Laserprinting/Scanning
- Mac Rentals
- Fax

ZesTop Publishing

hours: M-Th 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am-5:00 pm

phone: (415) 863-1877
Fax: (415) 863-3684

2338 Market St.

BETWEEN NOE & CASTRO ST.

—a women of color-owned business—

PROJECT INFORM TOWN MEETING

with

Martin Delaney
Executive Director

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE:
CONTROLLING HIV PROGRESSION AND
THE ONSET OF OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

Thursday, December 19th
7:00 - 9:00 PM

at

UCSF Laurel Heights Auditorium
3333 California Street at Presidio Avenue
Sub-Level 1

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information call:
PROJECT INFORM HOTLINE
558-9051 or 800-334-7422

Funding provided by Ortho Biotech

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

OF RAGE AND REMEMBRANCE

CORIGLIANO PREMIERE

Herbert Blomstedt, conductor Robert McDuffie, violin Gary Hoffman, cello

The San Francisco Symphony is proud to present the West Coast premiere of John Corigliano's Symphony No. 1, inspired by the interwoven stories of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The work was premiered by the Chicago Symphony in March 1990 to great acclaim. *Stereo Review* says it's "among the best pieces to come out of the current renaissance of American orchestral music . . . the symphony is searing music full of some of the most evocative effects this side of Berlioz." This premiere, coupled with a display of selected panels of the Quilt, is an event not to be missed.

Thur Dec 12 2:00pm
Fri Dec 13 8:30pm
Sat Dec 14 8:30pm
Davies Symphony Hall

MOZART/Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K.546
BRAHMS/Double Concerto
CORIGLIANO/Symphony No. 1

Gary Hoffman's appearance is underwritten by the Shenson Young Artists Debut Fund.

© Matt Herron

SYMPHONY BOX OFFICE: (415) 431-5400

Letters...

(continued from page 3)

Betrayal By Our Liberal Allies

Make no mistake about it—if Frank Jordan gets elected Dec. 10, San Francisco will change more radically than if there was a 9.2 Richter, and the Fire Department took the day off.

Maybe you, like me, have wondered where *are* our liberal allies? Why the silence from Alioto and Hongisto? It's clear to me that they've been bought off. Let me explain: I'll bet Jordan has told these fair-weather invertebrates that if they just say no to Agnos (ensuring a Jordan victory), he'll reward them with a few pet programs, "30 percent gay seats on commissions" (and there's no shortage of that many sell-out Ray Chalker types), and goddess knows what all else. If, by chance, Agnos wins, hey, they're still nice, popular liberals and friends of our community, right? Hongisto and Alioto don't have to take chances, and principles be damned. But because they've sold us out, we'll lose San Francisco to the middle-class Neanderthals for at least a decade.

Yes, Agnos has been dazzlingly inept at trying to please everybody and, after four years of incumbency, has a lot of enemies. Yes, things are worse and, due to a national depression caused mostly by yuppie greed, the streets are filled with impoverished humans. Are these reasons to hand the City over to the real estate interests, to the demagogues, and to the armed racists in the SFPD? Doesn't anyone remember that Dan White was a cop with the same constituency as Frank Jordan?

Where will you live when rent control is gutted by Jordan's landlord backers? Where will you go when not only the sex clubs, but any public sexuality is persecuted by the police? And what'll you do when there aren't even concerts or street fairs anymore?

All so the trains will run on time?

Who's to blame if Jordan wins? Well, we are to start with—suckered again. But we must never forget—never, never, never—how our "friends" Alioto and Hongisto led us away from Agnos and left him to twist in the wind, because they were too damned cowardly and/or unprincipled to stand up to the suburbanite brownshirts and their real estate money...or because they had been made offers they couldn't refuse.

It's not too late! Phone Alioto (554-7788) and Hongisto (554-5504) and *demand* they endorse Agnos, and work on his behalf. Maybe one of them will be grown up enough to take over in 1996. This is serious: The "nice-guy" David Duke blitzkrieg is on the Bay Bridge, and headed West!

Jim Lewis
San Francisco

Moral Character of the Candidates

It is tempting not to shy away from political conflicts and rough elections. The Agnos-Jordan mayor's race is proving to be such a fight. I find it particularly tempting because I have never shared Agnos' Hobbesian liberalism, and considerable personal pain has been dished out to me by one of the more notorious and expansive members of the troika helping Frank Jordan in this race. I hope that the lesbian and gay political community can benefit from this analysis of the 1991 mayor's race which is the product of an admittedly personal set of conflicts.

I will look at this race from the perspective of the moral character of the candidates, the place of the Burton machine in this race and the critical issue of appointments. Ninety-five percent of the analysis of this race in both the gay and straight press has centered on the latest campaign event or the personality types of the candidates. There are other factors which must be weighed.

The most important factor for me in voting is an honest assessment of the moral character of the individual. Thinking about morality was difficult for me at first. In acknowledging the animalist within me I had to confront a fairly harsh, almost life-denying religious inheritance. When Freudians in the 1950s wrote disparagingly of the homosexual's "lack of superego" they were pandering both to their need to keep the language game of the Oedipal matrix going as well as pandering to the prejudices of their times; however, they failed to recognize the problematic nature of people who must live in society to survive but whose very being is scorned by that society's norms. Certainly, nihilism dissolves that conflict but at a high price. So for me morality is simply a way to determine, evaluate and judge how people treat one another. For a mayor of a great and ostensibly free-spirited city this is an important criterion by which to judge the candidates.

It is clear to me that both of the consultants serving the two candidates recognize that there is an aspect of politics which is simply not compatible with the Sermon on the Mount. That is just the nature of the political business. However, when I ask myself "Which candidate is the more decent human being?" it's Frank Jordan. He does not need to hold public office or power over others to be a complete person, and that to me is the beginning of a democratic man. There is a destructive streak that runs throughout San Francisco politics which allows participants to screw over people if they should ever have the misfortune to disagree with you. Neither the Left nor the Right has a monopoly on this vice. Art Agnos is not free from it, Frank Jordan tries hard to be. Whether the "coterie" around Frank Jordan that Supervisor Migden is fearful of is, is another matter.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Sign of the times on Castro Street.

The relationship the lesbian and gay community have to the Burton machine is up for grabs in this election. With 90 percent plus community support Art Agnos can be re-elected, with 50 percent he can not. At both the national and state level most of us don't have a choice over whether to support the Republican or Democratic parties. There are several charming and well-meaning gay and lesbian Republicans, but they are in political denial. Most of us either begin or end up as Democrats and we bring these habits to local politics. This is great news if you are a straight Democratic member of the Assembly, State Senate or Congress. Until the Supreme Court banned the practice of local party endorsements in nonpartisan elections, these habits also helped straight Democrats. The question is whether or not gay and lesbian people are getting a fair shot at self-representation through Democratic Party loyalties which are largely determined by state and national forces. I don't think we are. At no time in the last 15 years have local Democratic politicos said, "Yes, there should be a gay or lesbian person holding this seat." To the contrary Art Agnos, Nancy Pelosi, John Burton have said "I should hold that seat." If Art Agnos is defeated in the December runoff it is an open question as to what is left of the Burton machine. We are. However, you have to be a strategic voter with an interest in both politics and the Prince to be seduced by this reasoning. This does not make it less valid, it is just not conversation you are likely to hear at Muscle Systems anytime soon.

The appointments the mayor can make are important in shaping both the political and civic culture of San Francisco. Most observers give Art Agnos credit for making sound lesbian and gay community appointments to his staff, boards and commissions—perhaps with one exception. It is only reasonable to ask Frank Jordan who will sit on the Rent Board, Board of Permit Appeals and Planning Commission if he is elected. It is easy to speak about making appointments that represent "the neighborhood" and "the people" but just who might these individuals be? Will they be like Frank Jordan, sensitive, non-assuming and genuine or will they be men in need of Robert Bly's reparative therapy?

John Dunbar
San Francisco

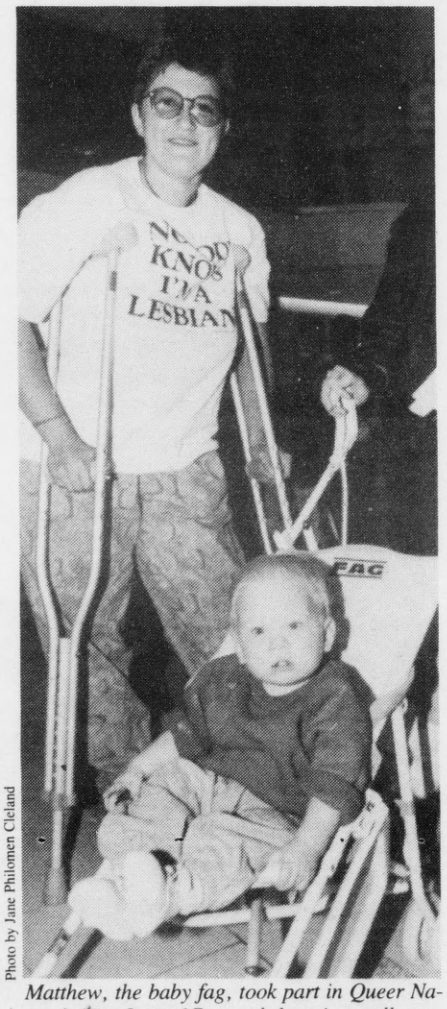


Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Matthew, the baby fag, took part in Queer Nation's Kiss-In at a Concord shopping mall, protesting the passage of Measure M and generally wreaking havoc in the minds of the shoppers.

Sacred River Apologizes

We, the undersigned members of the staff of *Sacred River*, a Women's Peace Journal, would like to apologize to Rainbeau, Gwen Avery, the Black Women's Resource Center, SFWAR, NADJA and the many people who generously worked toward and tried to attend and create a benefit event on Nov. 16 in Berkeley.

As we piece together the details surrounding the cancellation of the gathering, we sadly find the need to warn other community groups against trusting the word and professionalism of Viviane Lerner, who organized and canceled this event. Briefly, here's what happened: In late summer 1991, Viviane presented herself to the group as an experienced professional fundraiser and offered to produce a series of benefits in exchange for a percentage of the proceeds. This sounded like a wonderful idea to our small collective, as we were struggling to find time and energy to put our monthly newspaper together as well as keep up with our regular jobs, families and everyday problems. During the organizing process, there were severe communication problems, misunderstandings, resentments and unresolved conflicts. However, Viviane did find women to work with her, and they put a lot of time into planning what promised to be an energizing and creative evening. On the morning of Nov. 16, Vicki Noble, who was one of the scheduled performers, had to withdraw due to illness. That afternoon, Viviane decided to cancel the entire event even though Rainbeau, Gwen Avery and hundreds of people were still expecting and willing to participate in the evening. Viviane made this decision without consulting with the *Sacred River* staff who were depending on this benefit to help keep the paper alive and some of whom were willing to pull the show together at the last minute. Instead, Viviane disregarded alternatives and had a "Canceled" sign put on the door of the hall with no explanation.

We did not decide easily or lightly on the need for this letter. We sincerely are sorry for the inconvenience and insult that our internal struggles have caused you.

For those of you who don't know us yet, *Sacred River* is an open forum for all women, produced monthly by an entirely volunteer collective, and available free in the East Bay and San Francisco at libraries, bookstores and cafes. We invite letters, articles, announcements, poems, stories and artwork on any subject from any woman. The next issue will be out in late December. Copy deadline is Dec. 11. For more info, call 658-2182 or write PO Box 5131, Berkeley 94705.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Penny Leff
Becky Taber
Carla Kandinsky
Kathryn Woods

Cable Car Award Nominations

The 1992 Cable Car Awards and Show will be presented on Saturday, March 14, 1992, at the Fashion Center on 8th Street. The Cable Car Award is given to individuals, organizations and events that have made outstanding contributions to San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Community during the past year (1991). The Board of Directors of the Cable Car Awards would like to hear from members of the community who would like to nominate an organization, an event or an individual for consideration for a 1992 Cable Car Award.

Please send nominations to: 1992 Cable Car Awards and Show, PO Box 1171, SF 94101.

500 Years of Women's Resistance

Dear Sisters:

1992 is fast approaching and with it all the patriotic fervor surrounding the 500th anniversary of the European invasion of the Americas. George Bush and friends will undoubtedly compare the "discovery of the New World" with the New World Order.

As women we understand that relationship only too well.

The culture and world that Columbus brought to the Americas was one based on military might, racism, sexism, colonialism and heterosexism. A world based on plunder, rape, theft and death.

Well, there's not much difference between that "old world order" and the new one.

That's why we want to respond to the call from indigenous peoples throughout the Americas for counter-quincentennial mobilizations.

We are calling on women to commemorate International Women's Day (IWD), March 8, 1992, with the theme: 500 Years of Resistance...Through Women's Eyes. In doing so, we will be joining women throughout the United States and the world as they celebrate International Women's Day, as well as speaking of the particularities of women's lives in this hemisphere.

On International Women's Day we want to raise our voices about women's experiences during these past 500 years of colonialism and patriarchy. What was happening to indigenous women in 1492? to Black women in 1592? to women healers and midwives in 1692? to Mexican women in 1792 and to Japanese, Chinese and Filipina women in 1892? How are our realities similar and diverse given the many communities that we come from? What are all women's conditions and demands now in 1992?

In the United States today, control of our bodies continues to be violated—from the loss of abortion

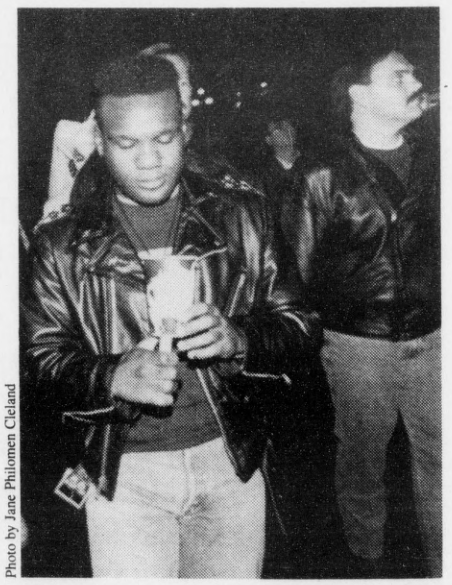


Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

The 13th annual Candlelight Memorial march, commemorating the memories of Harvey Milk and George Moscone.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue blockades a fake "clinic"—an Operation Rescue front for pressuring pregnant women not to have an abortion.

rights to the virtual inaccessibility of health care, to genetic engineering. A staggering percentage of Native American, Puerto Rican and Black women continue to be sterilized. The fastest growing population getting AIDS is Black women. It's a land where violence against women and lesbians is endemic, where women are still paid less for our work and are still under-and unemployed. More women and children will be homeless on the streets with no options and nowhere to go. Women are locked away in overflowing mental institutions and prisons and it's by no surprise they are primarily women of color who are being "controlled" in this way. Women political prisoners are incarcerated for their activist work against this system.

We want to make sure that women's voices and issues are heard in the year 1992. This IWD let's celebrate 500 years of women's resistance! Let's keep in touch and share our ideas. Let's demonstrate, hold forums, have house meetings, read poetry, participate in rituals and celebrate women loving other women. Let's raise our voices with women from Canada to Chile, from Europe to the Philippines, from South Africa to Palestine!

Join Us As We Celebrate IWD '92!

Signed by 18 National &
International Women's Organizations

(Send correspondence to: Women Against Imperialism, 3543 18th St, Box 14, SF 94110.)

Thanks to NAMBLA

Hurray! Hurray! for the North American Man/Boy Love Association who has the agility, care, interest, joy and love for gay youth!

It is time that the gay public and gay youth support and receive support from NAMBLA. Our name speaks for itself. Man/Boy Love Association.

Thank you NAMBLA for your help in making me a stronger boy lover! I could have gone to despair and suicide. But thank God! You were here in San Francisco for me!

I challenge other Boy Lovers and Man Lovers to come out of the CLOSET. *Let us say no! to hate crimes against us!* Remember truth is always more valuable when lived!

Kris Miller
San Francisco

Headquarters Club Offensive

I too find the new "Headquarters" bar on Castro Street offensive.

As a Vietnam Veteran I am upset by the glorification of the paramilitary stance the bar pretends.

Headquarters, as well as finding leaflets at the SF Eagle asking "interested in Joining a Survivalist-Paramilitary Group?" A group recruiting "Nordic/Teutonic-origin people" (men) worries me. Are gay fascists coming out of the closet?

Sheldon Ramsdell
San Francisco

Wildly Successful Carnal Carnival

We want to thank all the men who came to the second annual Carnal Carnival on Sunday, Nov. 17. You made it a wildly successful event. Four hundred hot men came together and got each other off in a safe and steamy atmosphere. (As far as we could tell, phone numbers were the only thing that got transmitted during the six hours of raucous fun and occasional romantic interlude.)

Once again, gay and bisexual men have shown that it's not where you have sex, but how you have sex that's important in stopping the spread of HIV.

Thanks also to all the businesses that contributed prizes: Just Desserts, Leticia's, Michael Bruno, Reprise Music, The Crystal Way, City Athletic Club, The Cove Cafe, A Different Light, The Gauntlet, Mayer Laboratories, Falcon Video, The Condom Resource Center and Alan at Scott's Haircutting.

Dan Wohlfeiler & Chuck Frutchey
The Coalition for Healthy Sex

"Father Knows Best" Attitude

An open letter to the San Francisco Examiner *(regarding letters published in favor of Archbishop John R. Quinn's recent open letter to Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines):*

I read with disbelief the letters agreeing with John R. Quinn's letter to Ramon C. Cortines about saying no to providing condoms and education about STDs [sexually transmitted diseases] to students of the San Francisco School District. The very idea that an Archbishop would have the gall to try to influence a political decision of this importance involving child rearing by the parents and teachers does not even hold up to the rules of common sense, much less the rules of law in this country.

Parents of San Francisco, please think about this: when was the last time you took seriously the advice of non-parents about child-rearing? Think about your children. When you taught them to use fire with care and respect did you neglect to tell them that they could douse accidental flames with water? Who among you has ended your lectures on not playing with matches by announcing the removal of fire extinguishers from your homes?

And what is the logic of having the Archbishop directly involved in public policy decisions of this type? Correct me if I am wrong but to my knowledge he has never had children of his own. Also as a member of the clergy he lives in tax-free housing and has the majority of his expenses covered by a tax-free organization.

By his own definition his only true interest in this issue can only be theological. Besides the fact that the role of the clergy in this country has been clearly stated to be removed from the role of the state in a very pro-clergy deal. In a sentence we the government agreed to stay out of religion, we the clergy agreed to stay out of government. Of course the churches pay no taxes, but are still given all the services the rest of us pay taxes for.

I have always believed that religion's role here is to bring to their followers the beliefs and morals of their faiths in direct interaction with their followers. In this country at least it is supposed to be the people who weigh these beliefs and morals with their hearts and minds before bringing their decisions into the political debate.

If John R. Quinn wants to welch on the deal, let him first pay his share like the rest of us. And if he thinks he knows what's best in child-raising let him raise a few of his own before he lays claim to this "father knows best" attitude.

Paul W. Lidberg
Berkeley

Unchurched Gay Christians

Any careful observer of gay Bay Areans will detect that most who were reared in the Christian faith are now "unchurched" and, tragically, oftentimes psychologically hostile to Christianity.

These good souls have not as yet reached intellectually the psychological insight that, if they genuinely accept the Jesus of the gospels as the Incarnate Word of God, their true liberation as gay men or gay women will not be attained as long as they mistakenly think their gayness is incompatible with their inclusion as members in the Body of Christ which is the Christian Church.

Advent is the opportunity for unchurched gay Bay Areans to come home for Christmas.

Most denominational churches have gay groups, such as Integrity for Anglicans and Dignity for Roman Catholics. Most parish churches, such as architecturally confused St. Leander's in San Leandro or The Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist in San Francisco's Mission District, welcome gay parishioners.

There is also that marvelous jewel, the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), which is a welcoming gateway by which both liturgical and non-liturgical gay Christians may re-embrace their Christian faith.

The New Life Metropolitan Community Church, then housed at The First Unitarian Church of Oakland, which was designed by architect Walter J. Matthews in 1891 and which is judged to be the finest example in California of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, was the vehicle which on Christmas Eve 1983 brought me home after six years of unchurchness.

Quite unfortunately many, many gay Eastbay-ites who live along San Francisco Bay west of the Oakland Hills from Pinole to San Leandro are unaware of New Life MCC's existence. This friendly community of gay believers worship each Sunday at 12:30 pm at Charles Bugbee's architecturally lovely Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, an 1878 Victorian Carpenter Gothic church on the corner of Hearst Avenue at Ninth Street in Berkeley's Ocean View—just a few blocks behind Spenger's fish restaurant.

Unchurched gay Christian believers need to reclaim their Christian faith and, consequently, to liberate themselves from lingering internalized homophobia because the universality of Jesus' redemptive death and resurrection embraces us as much as Pope John Paul II himself.

James F. Gibbons
San Leandro

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Alcatraz, Thursday, Nov. 28: *Over 1,600 people joined together in prayer with Native Americans for a day of unthanksgiving to remember the genocide that began with Columbus. Among the luminaries who attended the circle were Bill Mean, director of International Treaty Council and Ribogerta Menchu, a native leader in Guatemala, who is expected to be nominated for next year's Nobel Peace Prize.*

South Bay BACW Explains Actions

An open letter to the community:

There evidently abounds, in our community, opinions regarding our recent departure from Club St. John. In the immediate aftermath of this situation, we tried to make clear to our membership what occurred and why we took our selected course of action. To date, there are members that are still not in full understanding of our position, in addition to other community organizations and individuals. I would like to take this opportunity to explain what South Bay BACW (Bay Area Career Women) did, and in the process, what we stand for.

I would like to establish what this article is and is not. This is *not* an attempt to "bash" Club St. John. It is an explanation of our position regarding a number of issues, including our business relationship with them. The focus beyond that is our belief in what is important in our community.

South Bay BACW's relationship with Club St. John was for many months, very enjoyable. However, from a business standpoint, that relationship began to seriously erode beginning last July. Decisions were made by Club management without consulting BACW which directly affected our TGIF event. Repeated negotiations with the Club failed, due largely to a lack of open, consistent communication from them. Because the business atmosphere at the Club clearly was not in our members' best interest, we decided to sever our relationship with Club St. John.

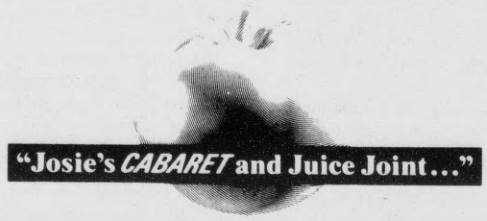
This, I hope, dispels one perception; that is, that South Bay simply "rolled over" and did nothing in reaction to St. John's actions. A concerted attempt was made to deal with them in a business-like manner over an extended period of time. When attempts to deal with the Club failed, we responded by taking our business elsewhere. It must be made clear that SBBACW worked in earnest to try to define acceptable business parameters with the Club. When it was apparent that this was impossible, we chose to look for a place that would allow us to have our event in a supportive environment.

Aside from a foundered business relationship, there is also the issue of discrimination. After severing our relationship with St. John, talk was rife about the Club discriminating against our organization, and against women in general. It was charged that the management of Club St. John did not like women, and that they wanted to retain the Club's identity as a "male" bar. Thus, BACW was squeezed out. SBBACW chose purposely not to respond to or condone these accusations for the simple reason that we had no tangible proof that Club St. John discriminated against us. Certain inferences could be made from different actions that were taken, for example, the "Boys are Back" Friday night theme immediately adopted after our departure. Inferences, however, are not acceptable when leveling an accusation with the gravity of "discrimination" against someone. It would have been not only illegal, but ethically improper to publicly accuse the Club of discriminatory behavior without tangible evidence.

This partially answers the question of our low-key response. There is an even more compelling reason, however, than the tangible proof issue. SBBACW has been severely criticized by a number of people in our community for not taking a high-profile stand against the Club. Organizations and individuals have asked us why we did not picket the Club, organize a formal boycott, or lambast them in the press. I would like the answer to these questions to be absolutely clear: We chose not to deal with the issue in this manner because it would have promoted what we oppose and what St. John was being accused of—separatism.

BACW as an organization has been accused of be-

(continued on page 37)



"Josie's *CABARET* and Juice Joint..."

JOSIE'S CAFE is open daily from 11-8 weekdays & 9-8 Saturdays & Sundays featuring fresh juices, sandwiches, omelettes & home-made soups.

"Simply a must-see!" —***B.A.R.***
Back by popular demand

'DIRTY DREAMS OF A CLEAN-CUT KID'

THU-SUN, DEC 5–8 • $12
SHOWS AT 8 PM THU & SUN; 7:30 PM FRI & SAT

"Sugar Mama of Soul" Gay Singer/Songwriter

GWEN AVERY • BLACKBERRI

IN CONCERT

FRI, DEC 6 & 27 • 10 PM • $10

"The rage of Karen Finley & the camp of Pee Wee Herman." —***SF Examiner***
Toronto artist **DAVID MacLEAN's** solo performance

'QUARANTINE OF THE MIND'

TUE, WED & FRI, DEC 10–20 • $10
SHOWS AT 8 PM TUE & WED; 10 PM ON FRI

"Funny & insightful...be prepared to roar!" ***–B.A.R.***
GLOBAL RIOT, SF's premiere gay & lesbian comedy improv group, presents

'FRUITCAKES ON PARADE'

A QUEER HOLIDAY PAGEANT
THU–SUN, DEC 12–29 • 8 PM • $10
(The Thu, Dec 12 show benefits KAIROS HOUSE)

"Howlingly funny!" ***–N.Y. Post***
New York's comedy trio

FUNNY GAY MALES

TUE–SUN, DEC 31–JAN 12 • 8 PM • $10 • With added 10 PM shows on New Year's Eve & on Fri, Jan 3 & 10. No show on Jan 1.

GAY COMEDY OPEN MIKE

with emcee MAUREEN BROWNSEY
EVERY MONDAY • 8 PM • $4
Aspiring Lesbian & Gay Comics sign up by phone by 7:00 PM.

GAY COMEDY NIGHT

EVERY SATURDAY • 10 PM • $8
DEC 7: Marilyn Pittman, Maureen Brownsey, Scott Silverman
DEC 14: Karen Ripley, Danny Williams, Mark Davis
DEC 21: Tom Ammiano, Karen Williams, Scott Capurro

3583 16TH ST. (AT MARKET), SAN FRANCISCO
RESERVATIONS FOR ALL SHOWS: 861-7933

BLK

The black lesbian and gay magazine everyone can get down with.

BLK, Box 83912-BT, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912 • 213-410-0808

ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

The Dark of the Year

As the nights are getting longer and darker, Venus has just gone into Scorpio, helping us to feel more sensual and explorative in the dark. The eroticism of Scorpio and the sensuality of Venus are only their obvious surface characteristics. This phase can help us to feel what our deepest affectional needs really are. Venus in Scorpio brings out a love of challenge and danger; willingness, perhaps even eagerness, to confront facades and dig below the surface. For the domestically partnered, this can bring out tensions that have been lurking discretely behind efforts of cooperation. Scorpionic planets are typically subtle and cautious, but in the meantime Jupiter (in outspoken Sagittarius) is being squared by Sun, Mercury and Mars (all in critical Virgo). What a jolly time of year to be ruthlessly honest! Ho, ho, ho!

And Mercury is retrograde! Some of that ruthless honesty will probably be ill considered. Be adaptable and able to take back some of what you may feel compelled to say over the next couple of weeks.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: The season invites philosophy and sharing, but sharing your philosophy will lead you into more challenging discussions than you intend. Satisfy that busy brain of yours with dedicated hard work. Your insights now will help you in the long run to simplify procedures, although steps you take right now will only crystalize the problems. Holiday travel plans are likely to be disrupted now, but can be worked out after Dec. 19. In the meantime, hang loose and breathe deep. Don't push for attention. You're already getting more than you know.

TAURUS: You're at the beginning of a long run of creative ideas and philosophic adventures. Right now some of your long-held notions are being challenged, but that's just the beginning of wisdom. Learn to open up, to entertain various new concepts. Right now mistakes are almost inevitable, and you'll be forced to recognize some you've been making. Be open to change, and your education will be a lot more graceful. If you cling tenaciously to old ideas, little disagreements can become ridiculously overblown controversies. You'll find it more valuable to be pragmatically diplomatic than to be right. Sexual exploration can help you to stay open at even the least erotic levels.

GEMINI: Your sex life is excellent these days. Does your lover know about this? Domestic arguments come up all too easily, but sex may be the saving grace—sex, or certain beliefs passionately held. Disagreements with your partner can prove very elucidating. Don't be scared to talk out your differences on deep subjects. Start by agreeing to disagree. You'll find that the differences actually help—once you accept them and start working with (or around) them. Domestic issues can trigger little conflicts, but you're strong on the home front these days. As problems come up, welcome the opportunity to work them out.

CANCER: It would seem that friends and loved ones are interfering with your work. Actually, you are just taking your labors much too seriously these days. Lighten up! Yes, you have lots to do and the situation is cuckoo, but the more you obsess on it the worse it gets. Try to open up, share the labor (don't foist it off on others!) and discuss ways to keep it moving more smoothly. Trial and error is necessary, even if the surplus of errors proves to be a major trial. It will work out later. Time out with confidants and loved ones will help keep things in perspective.

LEO: This is a delightful season for you to demonstrate your favorite qualities, your magnanimity and flair. Indeed you are delightful and daring, but look out! Your efforts to outdo yourself can easily lead you to overdo yourself. (Leo? Overdone? It could happen.) Extravagance, ever a temptation, threatens to overwhelm even you. If you're not extremely careful, your grand notions will prove horrifyingly expensive and will lead you into embarrassing arguments. Easy enough to avoid. Just be careful and exercise a little discipline. Think minimalist and elegant. Take it as a creative challenge.

VIRGO: You're in (or soon coming up to) a lucky year, although current domestic tensions may seem quite to the contrary. Those are little problems that will pass, but alas, not as quickly as you'd like. No doubt you've heard that your sign can be a little bitchy. Well, everyone has their failings (as you well know), and this particular character trait of yours comes out very sharply now in regards to family and home issues. Creative endeavors help you to act out and explore your issues. In some places they call that "occupational therapy," but practically speaking, it will give you a way to work off tension and be more graciously sociable. And if you still can't say anything nice about anybody, at least you'll have lots of eager listeners.

LIBRA: Usually the personification of grace and manners, you are currently cursed by a tongue that is getting way ahead of your brain. Wit seems to be functioning all too well, but your typically well-honed manners are left behind somewhere. Old family stuff is likely to erupt, and you may want to check into some of those meetings of "Adult Children" (oh, grow up!). Certainly you should have somebody to talk with. You will anyway, so line up a good friend rather than an unsuspecting victim. If all else fails, write, write, write.

SCORPIO: Venus in your sign is making you even more sweet, charming and attractive than usual. You really are just as popular as you seem these days. That could tempt you into expensive situations, and there you could lose it. Money is a crazy issue for you right now, and your friends, despite their best intentions, are far less than helpful. But remember that they really do mean well. Enjoy their company, good conversation and cheap dates (Dutch treat!). Interchange of ideas can be wonderful, and you're up for a good bit of stimulation, mostly, but not exclusively, of the intellectual variety.

SAGITTARIUS: Fame and fortune beckon nowadays, but you have some time to take advantage of the good aspects in your horoscope. You probably feel like it should be happening now! Your own impatience can really screw it up for you. Trust in your inherent good luck and capacity for acceptance. Focus your energy on philosophical explorations and charitable efforts. That should keep you out of trouble. Your physical energy is also quite high, but you're a bit reckless—even more than usual. Not that you're in any big danger, but save yourself a lot of trouble and think before you act. *Happy Birthday: Mary Messer, Keith Folger and Athena McMahon!*

CAPRICORN: It seems that all the little voices in your head are having a bonding retreat and discussing ways to keep you bound. Eavesdrop on the little buggers, but don't take them too seriously. These facets of your personality—internalized voices of old authority and shards of ancient guilt—are awfully noisy these days, but all the better for you to see what they're about, where they're from, and how to annihilate the little muthahs. This is also a good time to begin to explore new ideas, philosophies, and spiritual perspectives. Despite your rep as a cold pragmatist, your sign is in for big spiritual changes. These next few months are an ideal time to explore the possibilities.

AQUARIUS: Sexual tension with a friend can get very interesting right now. It's time to re-evaluate some of your various relational needs—not vis-a-vis a partnership, but in regards to friendship and sexuality. Lustful thoughts—or better yet, actions—can trigger a dilemma that will force the issue. Misunderstandings will prove mighty interesting. Yes, you're quite used to interesting misunderstandings, but those at hand will fluster even you. When all else fails, as all else will, trust in your own instincts.

PISCES: Working relationships get mighty dicey right now, especially with the boss. You usually do pretty well at accommodating and getting along, but right now a rebellious streak can get you into big trouble. Your political instincts (as very distinct from what you really want to do) will prove an effective guide. Misunderstandings are almost inevitable while Mercury is retrograde. Aggravating as it is, try to keep a cool head and be very clear about your own responsibilities.

Sure, in a minute I'd pop Frosty in the microwave, give Rudolph a nose job, and put the little drummer boy's sticks where he'd march to a different beat, but in fine American tradition I'll sacrifice my principles—such as they are—for a buck. Birth charts make great holiday gifts! To arrange an astrological consultation for yourself, a friend (or an ex-lover who really needs a reading!) call Jack Fertig at (415) 864-8302.

THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

COMING UP!

COMPILED BY
MAXINE MORRIS

DEC 5 / T H U

Respite for Family Caregivers of PWA/HIV: Family members or friends needing a break from caregiving responsibilities for a loved one with AIDS/HIV may be eligible for the Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. The program assigns trained attendants who will provide care & support for up to a total of 250 hours, at no charge. Caregivers may use this support to go to work, take a vacation, or enjoy a period of relief from caregiving responsibilities. For program requirements/priorities and other info call 861-8705.

Open Studio with Lauren Henry & Karen Balos, part of the annual Yuba Arts Christmas Open House. Exhibition & Sale at 670 C East H Street, Benicia. Info/map: (707) 745-8434.

Women & AIDS Fair at Kaiser, Oakland: An informational event designed to heighten awareness of women living with HIV, and provide info on community services available to women. Features community service agencies, art by artists living with AIDS & informational videos. 11 am-3 pm at Kaiser Hospital lobby, 280 W. MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Spons by the HIV & Women Task Force. Info: Stephanie Lenz 596-7073 or Marsha Blachman 596-6337.

BACW Sonoma Holiday Dinner Bash—get your reservations in early, space is limited! See 12/12 listing for details.

Therapy Group for Gay Men: Explore issues of intimacy, trust, communication, loss. 12-week group spons by Operation Concern. Sliding scale fee. Call Jill 626-7000 for intake/info.

Women in Business Over 10 Years: An expert panel of diverse women entrepreneurs share their success. 6-9 pm, $15 adv, $20 at door. Networking & display table available. Lake Merritt Boathouse, Oakland. Info/reg: (510) 271-0165.

8th Annual Auction & Christmas Store at New Langton Arts. Features the work of over 125 artists from around the country & abroad, featuring the best in the wacky, arty, funny, kitschy & just plain bizarre—jewelry, lamps, clocks, books, toys, cards & more, with prices starting as low as $1.50! Live/silent auction tonight, 6-8:15 pm (silent, 6-8:15 pm; live, 7-7:30 pm). Artists' Store is open Thurs-Sat 12/5-7 & 12/12-14. 11 am-8:15 pm on 12/5, 11 am-5 pm on 12/6-7, 12-14. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th Sts, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Writing Workshop for Women: Open for registration now, class starts in mid-January. Facilitated by writer/editor Suzanne Sherman. Thurs eves for 6 weeks, $100. Develop imaginative skills & generate material thru inspirational in-class exercises & optional take-home assignments. Create & fine-tune works-in-progress. Individualized attention & goal-setting. Info/res: (510) 530-7559.

Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets this evening, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Him Mark Lai, Genny Lim & Judy Young, authors of *Island: Poetry & History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940*, discuss their work at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 495-2992.

Queer Options Seminar: Tonight's topic—Queer Bashing. Discuss whether there is a rising tide of gay bashing, what is being done about it, what should be done about it. Panelists include Jo Meyertons of Street Patrol, speakers from CUAV, and the Hate Crimes Division of the SFPD. 7-9 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Room 115. Spons by SF City College. Free, no registration required. Info: 255-1042.

Rounds Singing Class for Women: Come learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom; in many languages, from many centuries. Haunting harmonies, complex rhythms to make you swoon. No musical experience necessary. Thurs eves, 7:15-9 pm. For fee, location & other info call Kay 285-9642.

Walking the Edge of the Edge: A class with JC Collins. Part of QSM's series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Exploration of the kind of risks you take—or should take—in your s/m play. JC leads a frank discussion for experienced s/m players about the sexiness, perils, and morality of courting danger. 7:30-10 pm, $10. Doors open at 7 pm. Private SF space. Info: QSM 550-7776.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic: Age Differences in Relationships. Discussion led by Ruth. 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Rap followed by coffee at Ramona's. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!

Mexican Voices/American Dreams: *An Oral History of Mexican Immigration to the US*—author Marilyn Davis discusses her book at Modern Times Bookstore. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Soul Ventures, a nonprofit providing social networking & matching services for the HIV+/PWA Community, welcomes you to tonight's performance of "Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid" at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm at 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Followed by a cast party at Capri Pizza, 2272 Market St (btwn Noe & Sanchez). Delicious pizza, beer & soft drinks served. Special door prizes! Don't miss! $18 includes performance & cast party, $12 for performance only. Info/res: 543-2520. See ya there!

Lesbian erotic novel author Robbi Sommers (*Players* and *Pleasures*) reads from her new book *Kiss 'N' Tell* at Old Wives Tales Bookstore. 1009 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm.

Kulintang Music & Comedy at La Pena Cultural Center. Comics Kennedy Kabasares & Al Manalo, plus contemporary music from the southern part of the Phillipines, presented by Kulintang Arts. 8 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid: Popular musical written & directed by Henry Mach. Moving comedy—90 minutes worth of everything we think about in the 3 minutes before we get our HIV test results. Play runs Thurs-Sun thru 12/8 at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm Thurs & Sun, 7:30 pm Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Poet Adrienne Rich returns to Cody's to read from her 13th book of poetry, *An Atlas of the Difficult World: Poems 1988-1991*. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

DEC 6 / F R I

Rafiki Services Project Practical Support Training Weekend: Today & tmw. Learn about providing practical support to African Americans living with AIDS. Info: 346-5860.

The Gender Domains: Grounding & Healing the Feminine & Masculine: A 2-day workshop with Michael Meade & Angeles Arrien at Mills College, Oakland. Wkshop presents a crosscultural view of the psychological & mythical histories of gender domains, and explores how effective bridges of understanding & respect can be built between them. Info/reg: Lori Thompson (510) 526-5520.

15th Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration: 12/6-8 and 13-15 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa. Fair features hundreds of fine arts & crafts, quality imports & other unique gifts. Also an international variety of food & drink available. Entertainment by Santa's Elves with help from Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Dancing Christmas Tree and the Snow Queen. Also raffle contest. Fair includes "Santa's Workshop" where kids can create their own Christmas craft gifts, and special "Children's Christmas Shows" featuring magic acts, puppets, jugglers, clowns & storytellers. Santa arrives every day at 12:30 pm. Hrs: Noon-9 pm on Fri, 10 am-9 pm on Sat, 10 am-6 pm on Sun. Tix $3 gen'l, $2 srs, $1 kids ages 6-12. Fridays are free to everyone. Info: (707) 575-WELL.

Native American Political Prisoners is the topic of today's program, part of the "You Can't Jail the Spirit: Political Prisoners in the US" series on KPFA, 94.1 FM. Noon-1 pm. Program produced by Women Against Imperialism and Out of Control: Lesbian Committee in Support of Women Political Prisoners. Info: 648-4505.

Mid-Peninsula BACW TGIF: Come unwind with Bay Area Career Women! 5:30-9 pm at "B" Street in San Mateo. $4.

Dirty Dreams... at Josies. See 12/5 for info.

Performing Between Disciplines, Small Press Distribution's performance series, premieres tonight with new works by GP Skratz & Bob Davis. In "The Nixon Bookmobile," they look at Nixon as nonpartisan myth, examining the links between Nixon and shamanism, contemporary China, astrology, old-time medicine shows & the moon. In "Manifestos," they present various shorter works, using text/sound & song, to deal directly with issues of art & politics. 8 pm, $4 donation. Small Press Distribution, 1814 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 549-3336.

Music/Comedy Open Mike for Women at Mama Bears: Come showcase your talent! Sign up in advance, there's room for 6 performances only (you can drop-in or call ahead). 8 pm, $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Hard Words Literary Series continues at The Lab with a dynamic double reading by Dodie Bellamy, a leading figure in the "new narrative" movement; and Christian Huygen, playwright, actor & member of the defunct pop trio *Absolut Manpussy*. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts & srs. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info/res: 346-4063.

Latin Jazz at La Pena with the *Joel Dorham Latin Jazz Octet*. 8:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Footwork 'Local 6' Showcase: Features works by dance, theater & new performance artists. Tonight see work by Ruth Botchan, Patty Craves, Emma Lou Huckabay, Pearl Ubungen, Scott Wells & Susan Whipp. Tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm, $7. 3221 22nd St at Mission, SF. Info: 824-5044.

Rock 'n' Roll with *The Dynatones* at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9:30 pm, $10. Info/res: 885-0750.

Gwen Avery & Blackberri in Concert at Josie's Cabaret: Avery, the "sugar mama" of SF soul, r&b and gospel, teams up with Blackberri, jazz/blues/folk/gospel & reggae artist, and founding member of the gay men's music scene, for a night of sweet sounds & sizzling rhythms at Josie's. 10 pm, $10. Don't miss this one—but if you do, they'll be back on 12/27 at 10 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

American Mutants at Cafe Beano: A word/music event & cassette release party with Marc Olmsted, Gary Schwantes, and Peter Marti. 10:30 pm, $5. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

DEC 7 / S A T

Plant Disease Clinic at University of California Botanical Garden. 9 am-noon at the Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. Bring your sick plants or cuttings and Dr Bob Raabe will identify them and prescribe treatment for common pests, diseases & infections. Info: 642-3343.

KPFA Holiday Crafts Fair: 21st Annual holiday benefit extravaganza: Show & sale features the work of 200 juried artists & craftsmakers today & tmw, and 12/14-15 at UC Berkeley. Also continuous live entertainment for your shopping & browsing pleasure; as well as lots of food & drink. Come do your one-stop shopping here! Telegraph & Bancroft, in the Student Union Bldg, UC Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Easily accessible from BART. Call (510) 848-6767. Proceeds benefit KPFA.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N. Canyon Rd, continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg parking lot (sign is on left). Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EZ at DeAnza College in Cupertino. $50. Info/res: The Short Courses Program (408) 864-8817.

Green Man Intensive: Full-day workshop, especially for men. Focus on ancient & modern male archetypes, men's sexuality, man's place in the world. Do creative exercises, make rituals, take a sauna, build a fire; begin to create a community of men. Discuss such questions as: Can men be healers, and not just destroyers of women, the earth, and each other? Can men, whether gay, bisexual or heterosexual, offer each other strength & tenderness? Can we resurrect such archetypes as Geb (the Earth Father), Dionysos the Ecstatic, the Wild Man, the Wounded Shaman, the Sacred Warrior? 10 am-8 pm, $55-75 SL fee. Led by Harvey Stein, writer, teacher, performance artist & embodier of struggle & healing. Info/res: 282-2213.

Psychoneuroimmunology Wkshop: 2-day workshop (today & tmw, 10 am-5 pm). Learn skills to work with yourself & others in increase immune response. Topics include: visualization; autogenics (a European form of auto-suggestion), hypnotherapeutic techniques; the interconnection between the mind and the limbic, endocrine & autonomic nervous systems. Led by Joseph Marzhal, CHT at Pacific Somatics Institute. Call 753-2615 for info/res.

15th Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire: Annual holiday event in Santa Rosa—see 12/6 listing for details.

The Woman's Bldg 13th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair: The largest juried women's crafts fair in the country returns to Fort Mason Center, showcasing a diverse group of over 200 women artists & craftswomen. Plus lots of multicultural entertainment by musicians, dancers, comics, jugglers & storytellers. Lots of beautifully crafted jewelry, fiber arts, sculpture, ceramics, woodwork, mixed media, fine arts, children's items, photography & musical instruments for sale. Also something new this year—"The Art of Craft," traditional folk arts demos by locally based international artists including Guatemalan backstrap weaving, Native American basket weaving, Mexican paper flower & pinata making,

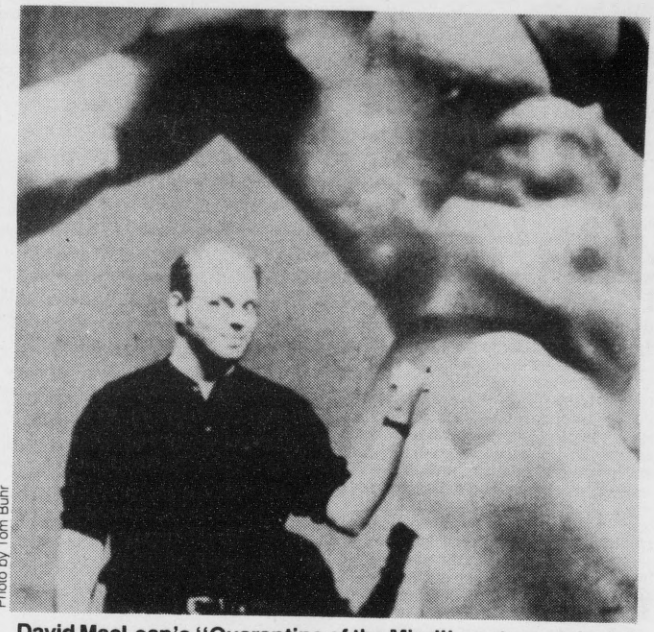


Photo by Tom Buhr

David MacLean's "Quarantine of the Mind" on stage at Josie's Cabaret this month. See Dec. 10 for details.

Luisah Teish (pictured) performs a Winter Ritual Celebration with Starhawk at Sebastopol Community Center, Dec. 15.

Photo by Jessica Tanzer

Justin Bon (left) and Miss X in "Waiting for Godette," at Theatre Rhino. OnStage has info.

and Laotian fine embroidery. Also the juried art exhibit, "Women on Women: A Celebration of Our Cultural Diversities," will be open during the Fair in the Bayfront Gallery. The Fair is the major annual fundraising event for the Women's Bldg. Two weekends: today & tmw, 12/14 & 15, 10 am-6 pm. Tix: $4.50-$10 SL fee includes entertainment. Free for kids under 12 & seniors over 64. Free parking at Crissy Field, with shuttle bus to Ft Mason. Info: 431-1180.

Holiday Plant Sale spons by the Friends of the Botanical Garden. Choose from a wide selection of unusual cacti & succulents, orchids, California Natives, and more at the annual Holiday Plant Sale. Held in the Meeting Room at the UC Botanical Garden on Centennial Drive, behind the UC Berkeley campus. 10 am-3 pm. Info: 642-3343.

Caregiving—The Final Stage: Wkshop spons by Kairos House. Provides caregivers with practical & emotional support in caring for someone thru the dying process. All caregivers of persons with life-threatening illnesses are welcome. Format includes presentations, visualizations, healing music, role playing, handouts & opportunities to share personal experiences and concerns in a confidential, non-confrontive atmosphere. 10 am-4 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. $35 donation requested. CE credits available for RNs. Info/reg: 861-0877.

The Victorian Holiday Faire: Annual fair spons by the First Unitarian Church of SF. Come transport yourself to the time of Queen Victoria and browse thru a pseudo-Victorian village, complete with gourmet food & beverages, and entertainment by musicians, magicians & jugglers. Antique linens & handicrafts from around the world offered for sale. Also silent auction and children's game room. Everyone is welcome—come have some fun while you do your holiday shopping. Childcare is available! Today & tmw at the First Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. WA. For more info call 776-4580. See you there!

Kids' Program at La Pena—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Fem-Centered Lesbians in Recovery group meets 10:30 am. Call 863-8651 for location/info.

Slavyanka Men's Slavic Chorus share the music of Russia & Eastern Europe—folk songs, orthodox hymns & brigand ballads—as part of the Festival of Russian American Arts. Festival runs 11 am-4 pm at the Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St, Oakland. Performance by the Chorus at noon. Info: (510) 486-1179.

Santa Photos for Animal Companions offered by the Peninsula Humane Society. Come get a Polaroid print of your animal companion with Santa Claus. Also sample delicious Christmas goodies at the Holiday Bake Sale. Proceeds benefit the animals at Peninsula Humane Society. 11 am-5 pm, $6 per 4 X 5 Polaroid snapshot. Today & 12/8, 14 & 15 at Peninsula Humane Society Conference Room, 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo. Info: Melanie Marshall 340-7022 ext 375.

SF Wrestling Club Workout: 11 am. Includes warmups & actual wrestling tailored to the participants' abilities & interests. Beginners & all skill levels are welcome! 172 Prentiss St, SF. Info: Jim Frazier (510) 538-8490.

Medicine Cards Workshop with Susan Levitt at Two Sisters Bookshop. Noon-3 pm, $35. 605 Cambridge, Menlo Park. Info: 927-4170.

Preview Bidding for Richmond Art Center Holiday Arts Festival's silent art auction. See 12/8 listing for details.

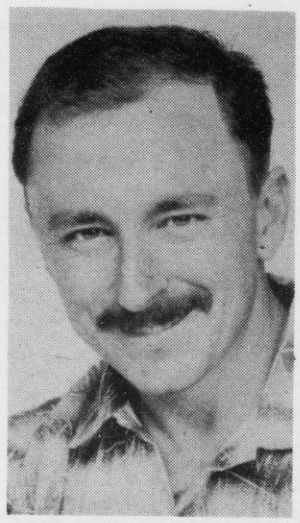
Presidio Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. Walk emphasizes understanding the medicinal actions of plants thru taste & smell, as well as thru traditional & clinical indications. Rain cancels. 2 1/2 hr walk begins at noon at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd, SF. $5-$11 SL fee. Info: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

A Course in Money: Spons by A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. Stefan Smith, pioneer in personal transformation, presents a workshop on financial therapy, career development, and life planning. Noon-4 pm, $75. Enrollment limited to 15 people. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur (next to the Lark Theater). Info: 924-8970.

Cartoonist Phil Frank ("Farley") in a booksigning for his new book, *Going Local with Farley*, a collection of 300 of his best strips as seen in the *SF Chronicle* over the last 6 years. 1-3 pm at Cartoon Art Museum, 665 Third St, SF. 5th floor. Info: 546-9481.

SF Wages for Housework Campaign Public Meeting: Margaret Prescod discusses "counting women's work" legislation introduced in Congress. 2 pm. For location & other info call PO Box 14512, SF 94114. Info: 558-9628.

Holiday Party hosted by Shanti Project Activities Program: Big holiday bash for all Shanti clients & people with HIV/AIDS in SF, and their guests. 5-9 pm at Shanti Project, 525 Howard St, SF. For more info call the Events Line 777-2273.



Danny Williams is just one of many performers at the annual Women's Building Arts & Crafts Fair at Fort Mason, Dec 7-8 & 14-15.

Southbay FLSG Potluck: Join Southbay Feminist Lesbian Social Group for this month's potluck at Janet and Lela's home in Santa Clara. Co-hosted by SOL, the Women of SLUG & the Lavendar Latinas. Fun starts at 5:30 pm, call (408) 247-7576 for directions & other info. Newcomers are welcome!

Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance (GLAA) December Mtg: 6-9 pm. General meeting, followed by a potluck dinner. Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St, SF. Info: Steven 863-3353.

Jazz, Dinner & Dancing with Buddy Conner at ASTA Supper Club, One Rincon Ctr, 101 Spear St, SF. 7:30-11:30 pm. Info/res: 495-ASTA.

Benefit for Women Living with AIDS & HIV: 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St nr Valencia, SF. Evening features a diverse panel of women living with HIV/AIDS; music by *Altazor*, a women's Latin American New Song quartet, and an erotic safe sex demo by Alane. $5-15 SL. Proceeds benefit *WORLD* (Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases), a newsletter of, by and for HIV positive women. Includes food, drinks, raffle & community tables. Childcare provided. Tix available at Mama Bears in the Eastbay, at Old Wives Tales and A Different Light in SF. Info: (510) 658-6930. WA.

Goddess Cultures: How did people live before patriarchy? What happened to destroy the goddess cultures of old Europe? Joan Marler, host of the weekly KPFA radio program "Brainstorm," gives a slide lecture exploring the religion, social structure, art & economy of the cultural groups of neolithic Europe, and their subsequent demise. 7:30 pm, $6-10. Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Junior College. Co-spons by ClaireLight Women's Books & the Women's Learning Center. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid—at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/5 listing for details.

Poesia de Ambiente Poetry by C Arellano, R Rodriquez, B Garcia-Pandevenes, y otros. Followed by reception. 7:30 pm at 3000 Sheffield Ave, Oakl. Spons by Gente Latina de Ambiente. Info: 626-8318.

"A Celebration, a Retrospective, a Recommitment," benefit event spons by the Video Project to mark the 10th anniversary of its influential film, *The Last Epidemic*. Hosted by Ian Thiermann, Vivienne Verdon-Roe & Steve Ladd. 7:30 pm, $10 donation. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Info: 655-9050.

Sexual Harassment— Not A New Issue: Panel discussion spons by Art Students for Social Responsibility. Panelists include Margalo Ashley-Farrand, attorney; Marcia Blackstock, executive director of Bay Area women Against Rape (BAWAR); Daniel Ellenberg, PhD, a psychotherapist who facilitates Strength with Heart men's groups; and Barry Shapiro, PhD, director of Preventing Sexual Harassment. 7:30 pm, free admission, $2 donation suggested to benefit BAWAR. SF Art Institute Lecture Hall, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020 ext 425.

Music & Dance: Middle Eastern music by Vince Delgado & Devija, plus belly dancing at Grapeleaf Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. 8 pm.

At KBBK Studios: Michael McNevin & Tanya Marie Savory give a contemporary folk/bluegrass/country concert tonight at 8 pm. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. $6. Info/res: 563-9046.

"Not So Silent Night" Concert with *Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF* and the *SF Winds of Freedom*. Program: The Chorus sings the ever-popular "Grandma Got Run Over" as well as romantic works—"Light One Candle," and "Orkney Lullabye;" and the Chorus' award-winning octet, *Menage*, offers "Rondo a la Christmas." The *Winds of Freedom* perform several works, including "Santa at the Symphony," "Russian Christmas Music," "Nutcracker," and "Waltz of the Flowers." 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $12 preferred seating, in advance; $5 gen'l, $10 preferred, at door. First Unitarian Church, 14th & Castro, Oakland, today. Program repeats in SF on 12/8 at 4 pm at First Congregational Church, Post & Mason, nr Union Square, SF. Info/res: 621-5619. Tix at SF Headlines stores & at Mama Bears in Oakland; tix also available thru Jon Sims Center, SF. WA. SIGN interpretation available for the hearing impaired.

The Bobs present an a capella hodgepodge of doo-wap, jazz, scat singing, rock & cabaret with a dash of wacky humor at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' MainStage. 8 pm. Tix: $24, $22 & $20. Info/res: 903-6000.

Political Funnywoman Kate Clinton returns to the Bay Area for a performance at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Auditorium. Night of earthy, razor-sharp & hilariously funny humor. 8 pm. For tix & other info call Cal Performances Box Office (510) 642-9988 or call (510) 762-BASS.

Talk that Talk: African Lady People presents Donna Terry in a one-woman show at Mama Bears. A night of colorful, intense, thought-provoking monologues of African American women characters. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Other Cinema Series at ATA: LA media prankster Eric Saks premieres two new pieces, *Straight Talk About Deserts* & *Gun Talk*, plus a piece on the enema craze, *Water Works*. Local artist Greta Snider screens her four-part film on private & communal property, *No Zone*. Also Lisa Swenson's personal essay of railroad hobos is supplemented by short video views of this thriving subculture by Barry Schwartz & Dana Mozer. Plus sneak preview of Bill Daniel's *Bozo Texino*, about his quest for the grandfather of train graffiti. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Footwork 'Local 6' Concertsee 12/6.

Glen Meadmore, LA's brilliant, controversial & legendary performance artist plays tonight at Klubstitute, homophile nite club & cabaret; with "The Heterosexuals," Bubba & Gator from the Appalachian mountains of Virginia who join Glen to "sing on backin' tapes, act, get drunk & carry on like a bunch of jackasses." Show also features dj Miss Go-Go Chanel. $4.98 (free before 10 pm). 21 & over, bring ID. Info: Diet or Remix 826-5358. 1751 Fulton St nr Masonic, SF.

At Great American Music Hall: Johnette Napolitano of *Concrete Blonde* and Andy Prieboy of *Wall of Voodoo*. 9 pm, $13. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Barnabe Mountain Hike/Samuel P Taylor Park, Marin County, with SF Hiking Club. Enjoyable, 7-mile loop combines an easy stroll thru a redwood forest with a moderate-to-strenuous ascent to the top of 1466-ft Barnabe Mountain. Panoramic views ranging from Inverness Ridge to Mt Diablo, from Mt Tam to Mt Saint Helena. Cost per car, $6 mileage, $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, canteen with water, warm clothes. Rain cancels hike. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Dolores, SF. Led by Jim Gordon.

Electric City queer TV show airs tonight & 12/14, 21 & 28 on cable channel 50 in Richmond. For program details call 861-7131.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marilyn Pittman, Maureen Brownsey & Scott Silverman. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At El Rio tonight: *Spot 1019* plus *It Thing*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

DEC 8 / S U N

Chanukah Celebrations: Bay Area Jews celebrate the 8-day holiday commemorating freedom from the Syrian oppressor Antiochus, beginning at sunset today. Jewish Community Information & Referral, a free phone-in info line, keeps an inventory of Chanukah-related activities and programs throughout the Bay Area; for details on events call 777-4545 weekdays, 9 am-1:30 pm. Information Line also provides info on where to buy special holiday candles, menorahs, and other accoutrements of the season. Spons by the Jewish Community Federation of SF, the Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma Counties.

KPFA 21st Annual Arts & Crafts Holiday Fair: See 12/7 listing.

Women's Bldg Arts & Crafts Fair continues at Fort Mason: Annual extravaganza of women's arts & crafts. Fine, fun way to get your holiday shopping done—see 12/7 listing for details.

Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration, see 12/6.

The Victorian Holiday Faire: Have lots of fun while you do your holiday shopping. Childcare provided! Today's the final day—see 12/7 listing for details. Don't miss!

Cats with Class: Housecat Fanciers of the Bay Area present the 18th Annual All-Housecat Show. Fur-and-fun-filled charity event at the Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center, SF. 10 am-6 pm, $5.50 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 kids. Proceeds benefit the SF SPCA. Info: 554-3000.

Richmond Art Center Holiday Arts Festival & Silent Art Auction: 11 am-4 pm at Richmond Art Center. Silent auction features works by prominent Bay Area artists & artisans. Includes ceramics, jewelry, lapidary, textiles. Plus raffles, prizes, holiday cafe & special activities for kids. Preview bidding for silent auction on 12/7, noon-4:30 pm. Admission free. Civic Center Art Plaza, Barrett Ave & 25th, SF. Directions: From SF & Berkeley, take Hwy 80 east, exit San Pablo Ave, turn right, next right onto Barrett Ave. From BART take Richmond Station exit to the east, follow Nevin to 25th St. Info: (510) 620-6772.

"A World of Differences," auction champagne brunch hosted by the Lively Arts at Stanford includes concerts by artist's featured on the Lively Arts upcoming season; including the *Emerson String Quartet*, *Empire Brass*, and Native American flutist R Carlos Nakai. 11 am, $50. For info/res call 723-2551. At Quadrus, Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.

Santa Photos for Animal Companions at Peninsula Humane Society, see 12/7.

Bernal Heights Dyke Brunch: Come meet the girls on the hill. Potluck 11 am-2 pm. Info/location: 641-8771.

Potluck Brunch & Chapter Elections with Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). 11 am brunch, followed by elections for Marin chapter board at noon—come eat your fill & have your say! For info/location: 927-3865.

Rafiki Services Project seeks volunteers for their practical & emotional support programs for African American men with AIDS or HIV-related illness. Call 346-5860 for details.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm. Bring a dish to share. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. For more info call 626-7000.

Annual ClaireLight Holiday Party: Join ClaireLight Women's Books for a noon-5 pm celebration. Refreshments, door prizes, fun. All in-stock books are ten percent off! 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Avedis Chamber Music Series opens with a 2 pm concert at SF's Palace of the Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. Program of works by Telemann, Vivaldi, Bach, Hummel & Martinu. Tix $13 & $10. Info: 392-4400 or 762-BASS.

PFLAG-SF (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Annual Holiday Gathering: 2-4 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, Church & Market (enter thru the side gate), SF. Pastor James DeLange briefly discusses the stresses & joys of the holiday season, followed by group sharing & refreshments. All lesbian &

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Legends & Folk Tales of Brer Rabbit: Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production of the Brer Rabbit stories, adapted from the works of Julius Lester. A visually beautiful, delightfully composed show—don't miss! Runs thru 12/29 call 474-8800 for reservations. Also see the review, elsewhere this issue.

Marvel Maids Christmas Toy Drive for Kids with AIDS. Thru 12/20, Marvel Maids, a Bay Area home cleaning service, will pick up toys from Bay Area residents & distribute them to organizations helping children with AIDS. If you live in SF or the Eastbay & would like to donate a new, or nearly new, unwrapped toy or game for a child (ages 3-12) call 392-3222 to arrange for a pick-up.

Prospective Queer Parents Group: For lesbians & gay men who are interested in co-parenting, or seek known donor situations. For info call Leland (510) 841-4663.

Baby Blues: In Pursuit of Fertility—12-wk group for women having made ten or more insemination attempts. Discuss the feelings of isolation, helplessness, frustration & envy that can complicate trying to get pregnant. Mondays 6:30-8 pm in Oakland. Info: Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 835-8919.

Rainbow's End Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Youth Group for ages 23 & under meets Thurs evenings. 6:30-7 pm drop-in time, 7-9 pm group time. 12/5, 12 & 19. For location & other info call 457-1115.

Marin Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Parents Group Holiday Party: Bring your kids & a potluck dish, and gift worth $3 or less for a grab bag for the kids. Info/location: 457-1115.

Boomerang Live! Live radio show for kids, concept a la The Prairie Home Companion & All Things Considered. An hour of heady, non-stop skits, monologues & commentary for kids ages 7-13. First Sat of each month at Julia Morgan Theater (12/7) at 11 am. Tix $7.50 gen'l, $5 kids, grandparents are free. 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA.

Small Change Strolling Group meets 12:30 am every Wednesday for excursions and a stroll thru Golden Gate Park. Free, everyone's welcome! Small Change also keeps a file of people interested in childcare exchange, playgroup formations, etc. Drop by & take a look. 1234 9th Ave, SF. Call 566-1234 for more info.

Public Observation Programs provided by the Peninsula Astronomical Society. The Observatory is open on clear Friday nights for viewing of stars, planets, galaxies, star clusters & nebulae thru a 16-inch reflecting telescope or a 6-inch refractor telescope. Observatory is located at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, halfway round the campus loop near Parking Lot T. Info: 949-7334. Observatory is closed when it is cloudy.

Marin PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meets 12/11 in the Choir Room of the Church of Our Savior, 10 Old Mill Road, Mill Valley. For time & other info call 457-1115.

Christmas at Dunsmuir House and Gardens: Experience a Victorian Christmas with tours, horse carriage rides, high tea or buffet brunch, plus chance to do some holiday shopping. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. Thurs-Sun, thru 12/22. Tix $9 gen'l, $8 srs, $5 youth, kids under 6 are free. For program details & other info call (510) 562-3232.

For details on local Chanukah Celebrations call the Jewish Community Information & Referral Line, a free, phone-in info line spons by the Jewish Community Federation: 777-4545 weekdays, 9:30 am-1:30 pm.

Eve to Benefit Women Living with AIDS/HIV: 12/7 at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, SF. Panel discussion, entertainment, erotic video. See Main Calendar listing for details. Childcare is provided.

Winter Classes & Wkshops at Richmond Art Center, for adults & kids. Variety of visual arts media offered. Special series of classes for kids ages 3-16. Info: 620-6772.

For Kids at La Pena: 12/7—program of int'l song & dance by Nancy Raven & Jackie Rago's children's workshops, 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 12/14—family concert to celebrate the tradition of Mexican Posadas, with Jose Luis Orozco; 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids. 12/21—Amiguitos de la Pena present Loly Reed's children's flamenco troupe; 10:30 am, $4 adults, $3 kids. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

The Dance Brigade present their annual holiday extravaganza, "The Revolutionary Nutcracker Sweetie." 12/20-22, see Main Calendar listings for details.

Holiday Tree Lighting—a benefit for Project Open Hand. 12/12, see Main Calendar listing for details.

"Not So Silent Night" Concert with the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF—see Main Calendar, 12/7 & 12/8.

The Christmas Revels: Wacky holiday show features Geoff Hoyle, formerly of Pickle Family Circus. See 12/12 listing.

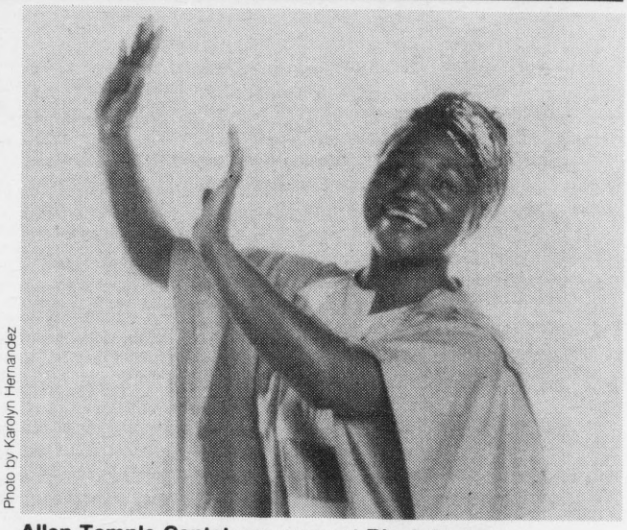


Photo by Karolyn Hernandez

Allen Temple Cantateers present Black Nativity.

Main Calendar.

Take a Pic with Santa & Your Pet: Proceeds benefit the Peninsula Humane Society—12/7-8, 14-15; see Main Calendar listings for details.

Black Nativity: Allen Temple Cantateers, annual production of the Langston Hughes song play. 12/6, 13-15. See Onstage listing for details.

Women's Bldg Arts & Crafts Fair: Largest juried women's arts & crafts fair in the country. Lots of entertainment, food, fine arts & crafts. 12/7-8, 14-15; see Main Calendar listing for details.

KPFA Holiday Crafts Fair: Annual holiday extravaganza, benefits KPFA Radio. 12/7-8, 14-15. See Main Calendar listing for details.

The Victorian Holiday Faire: 12/7-8. Travel back to the time of Queen Victoria—lots of crafts, food & fun while you do your holiday shopping. Children's game room! Childcare available. See Main Calendar listing.

15th Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration: 12/6-8, 13-15 in Santa Rosa. Has many special events for kids including "Santa's Workshop" where they can make their own Christmas gifts, and "Children's Christmas Shows" with magicians, puppets, jugglers, clowns & storytellers. See Main Calendar listing.

Arts & Artifacts Christmas Sale at Ft Mason: Spons by Bay Area dealers & collectors of ethnic arts & crafts. 12/6-23. See Main Calendar listing for details.

Richmond Art Center Holiday Arts Festival: 12/8, see Main Calendar for details.

"Clenchin'" a storytelling, folk/rap opera incorporating music & dance in a story tracing African & African American end-of-year celebrations (including Christmas & Kwanza) from antiquity to the present. 12/20-22 at the James Moore Theatre, Oakland Museum. Info: (510) 632-8488

gay community members are welcome! Info/Helpline 921-8850.

March on Washington Town Meeting: Meeting to organize the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights (the March will be held 4/25/93). 2-4 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, 100 Collingwood St, SF. Info: Leslie Ewing (510) 655-4486.

New Southbay Lesbian Soccer Team meets 3-6 pm. First meeting of this multi-ethnic/cultural team. Come run/sweat with a diverse bunch of friendly, athletic dykes. Train now for Gay Games '94! Info/directions: Karen (408) 279-0974.

Hortiphiles Holiday Party: Potluck at 3 pm in the Oakland hills. Guests & newcomers are welcome! Hortiphiles is a group for lesbian & gay plant & garden lovers. For location & other info call 851-1022, or for a copy of Hortiphiles newsletter write Hortiphiles, PO Box 31, Palo Alto CA 94301.

The Best of BAHSES: Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services (BAHSES) present a holiday showcase of Bay Area lesbian & gay talent in an evening of comedy, music, and general fun. Talent line-up includes performances by Jealousy, MCKGB, Madam X Ronnie Salazar, Roz, Anita, Mohamed, Mohagony. Plus special appearances by Winn Gilmore, Wayne Corbitt & Karen Williams; and video screening of *Beautiful Brothers* and *Children of the Night*. Seating limited, advance tix encouraged. 3 pm at Lily's, 4 Valencia St, SF. For tix info & res call 653-1966.

Two-Stepping in the Eastbay with the San Francisco Fringe Riders, the Bay Area's only all-women CW dance troupe. Benefit dance tonight at Just Rewards in Walnut Creek features dancing, two-step & line dance lessons, raffles, contests & performances. 4-9:30 pm, $3 donation at door. 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. For info/directions call 256-1200.

Art & Music Afternoon at Ft Mason Center: See slides & works of local artists who aren't represented by galleries—yet. Browse thru the works of some of the Bay Area's hottest up & coming painters, photographers, sculptors & printmakers. Also lots of musical entertainment—classical duets, Irish bluegrass, old-time western swing with *The Twin Violins, plus* Eva Island & Morgan Fichter, former of *The Ordinaires* and latter of *Camper Van Beethoven*. Slideshow starts at 4 pm. Free. Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Room C-205. Info: 282-5431.

"Deadly Living Legends," starring Jose & JJ Van Dyck, with George Willey, accompanied by Denis Moreen at Charpe's, 131 Gough St, SF. Two shows: 4 & 6 pm, today & 12/15. Info/res: 621-6766.

Jungle Fever with dj Clay at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm. Info: 282-3325.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Ruth Gendler reads selections from *Changing Light*, her new anthology of writings honoring the daily rhythm of dark & light. 4 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Not So Silent Night" Concert by the *Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF* and the *Winds of Freedom*; in San Francisco. See 12/7 listing for details. See you there!

At A Different Light Bookstore: Reception for artist Bill Morong, whose color cut-outs fixed into light boxes decorate the store during the holiday season. 5:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

AJIRA: Addicted Jews in Recovery meets 6 pm at SF Jewish Community Ctr. Michael Baugh, LCSW, leads in an eve of songs, stories & insight relating to the Festival of Light. Baugh, director of the Clement St Counseling Ctr, is a songwriter, singer & spiritual leader in the Jewish Renewal Movement. Bring your own menorah & candles. Free. 3200 California St at Presidio, SF. Info: Claire Silver, 346-6040 ext 250.

MCC-Redwoods Closing Celebration: Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwoods marks the end of its ministry as a church with a "Celebration of Ministry" at tonight's service, which will be the church's final worship service. 6 pm at 110 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur. MCC of the Redwoods has served the Marin County lesbian & gay community since 1979. Info: 927-2018.

Lesbian & Gay Parents Group Holiday Party held today—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Twisted Sisters: *A Collection of Bad Girl Art*—editor Diane Noomin is joined by other contributors to this collection of obsessive & diverse comic art, for a panel discussion at Modern Times Bookstore. Panelists include MK Brown, Carol Tyler, Phoebe Gloeckner & Caryn Leschen. 7 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Contributors to *On Our Rag*, a savvy, politically astute & wildly amusing dyke 'zine, gather to celebrate their first anniversary, meet their readers, and have a good party. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Fun to Furious Feminist Video Series #2: Women Against Imperialism present

East meets West Coast with modern dance greats performing a diverse program of contemporary choreography. Pictured: Nancy Colahan. Dec. 14 has complete info.

a night of videos & group discussion on violence against women and body image. Videos featured: *Just Because of Who We Are*, on violence against lesbians; and *Mirror, Mirror* on the idealized female form. 7:30 pm, $3-5. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid—final performance tonight at Josie's Cabaret—see 12/5 listing for details.

Middle Eastern Music by Mary Ellen Donald & Mimi Spencer, with belly dance entertainment at Grapeleaf Restaurant, 4031 Balboa St, SF. 8 pm.

At Great American Music Hall: Spoken word & music with Jim Carroll and guest. 8 pm, $12. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

The Last 5 or 6 Hot Minutes: Over 20 artists present 5 or 6 minutes of material they believe is "hot" or "erotic." 8 pm at Vet's Hall, Front St, in Santa Cruz. Tix $10 if you have a real job, $5 if you don't—no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit *As Good As It Gets*, the newsletter of the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center.

Hard Words Literary Series continues with acclaimed Caribbean author Michelle Cliff (*Claiming an Identity They Taught Me to Despise, The Land of Look Behind, Bodies of Water, Abeng, No Telephone to Heaven*) reads from her new fiction, including a selection from her novel-in-progress, *Free Enterprise*, at The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Info: 346-4063.

Electric City queer TV show airs at 10 pm tonight & 12/15, 22 & 29 on cable channel 35 in SF; and on cable channel 50 in El Cerrito. For program details, call 861-7131.

DEC 9 / MON

Clinical Care of the AIDS Patient: at two-day symposium hosted by UCSF. Conference focuses on practical issues in managing the care of people with HIV at all stages of the disease. Topics include the acquisition & transmission of HIV, HIV treatment, update of AIDS diagnostic tests, risks to health care workers, and panel discussion on the social, legal, ethical & political dilemmas created by the AIDS epidemic. Symposium designed for practicing physicians, including family practitioners, internists, infectious disease specialists & other primary care physicians. Info/reg: 476-5808.

Russell (Rusty) Schweickart, an Apollo & Skylab astronaut, signs copies of the paperback edition of *Home Planet*. Produced by the Assoc of Space Explorers (a group of astronauts & cosmonauts from 18 nations), the book presents stunning orbital view of earth. 12:30-1:30 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Free. Info: 495-2992.

Reading/Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF for a potluck supper & discussion. Call Pat 626-7000 for the December title.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm, tonight & 12/16. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! For info call Pierre 753-0687.

25th Annual Messiah Sing with *Schola Cantorum* at Flint Center, Cupertino. Annual holiday extravaganza, featuring a chorus of 2,000, accompanied by full orchestra. Come raise the roof! 7:30 pm. Sing followed by a party at La Pastaia Restaurant at the DeAnza Hotel in San Jose. Tix $10 Sing; $10 post-concert party. Info/res: 324-0922.

WHAM (Women's Health Action & Mobilization) Bay Area Meeting: An opportunity for women concerned about women's health—abortion, HIV, cancer, poverty—to get together & begin to work in a cooperative, supportive fashion for women's health. 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd floor conference room. All women are welcome. Childcare available—call 563-0724 by 12/7 to reserve. WA. 628 Divisadero St, SF.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret: Emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Author Jamaica Kincaid (*Annie John; Lucy; At the Bottom of the River*) speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's Literary Events series. 8 pm, $14 & $12. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

Chic Street Man in Concert: Urban folk, acoustic funk, classical blues, pop & jazz with singer/songwriter/guitarist Chic Street Man, with backup singers at Berkeley Rep Theatre, Berkeley. 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. Tonight & 12/16. Info: (510) 845-4700.

DEC 10 / TUE

BACW Sonoma Holiday Dinner Bash—today's the deadline to register—see 12/12 listing for details. Don't miss!

"Say It With Music," a concert benefit for Shanti Project, with Michael Feinstein & Rosemary Clooney. Part of Shanti's Premiere Series of benefits. Tickets for this opening performance benefit at the Curran Theatre include a post-performance party with the stars at the Pan Pacific Hotel. For tix info call 928-0455.

Gay Men's Drop-In Group: Deals with HIV, mental health & substance abuse concerns. Spons by Operation Concern. Meets Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 252-6062.

LVA eats out... at the Brick Hut: Join Lesbian Visual Artists for the opening reception of their exciting exhibit of works by 23 of their Northern California members. 5:30-8:30 pm at the Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline St, Berkeley. No smoking. Wheelchair Accessible. Please refrain from wearing scented products. Info: LVA 821-2975.

Author Judith Robinson discusses *The Hearsts: An American Dynasty*, the first biography of the Hearsts based largely on the Hearst family papers. 7 pm, free. Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

"Jesus the Magician," a talk by Rev Andrew Bozeman. 7 pm at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Fluid Bondage Wkshop: with Lou. Spons by QSM as part of their series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Lou, who identifies both as a dyke and a leather daddy, creates different types of body harnesses to achieve different effects. Some are a fashion statement; others a Houdini-like challenge. $15 fee. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.

Cobra Healing: A guided transformation & meditation for healing illness & habits. Part of an ongoing series of weekly classes for women. 7:30-9:30 pm, $15-20 SL. Beginners welcome! Partial work exchange available. Location close to BART. Info: Pati McDermott, counselor & hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

Pacing Ourselves: A 6-wk group for professionals who care for HIV-affected persons. Meets weekly at Kairos House. Facilitated by Gail Winston, MA, MFCC. For info/reg call 861-0877. $10 donation per session requested, some scholarships available.

13th Annual "Sing It Yourself Messiah" at Davies Symphony Hall in SF, today & tomorrow. Join a chorus of 3,000 for SF Conservatory's rousing annual rendition of Handel's *Messiah*. Attend 6:30-7:30 practice session in Zellerbach Rehearsal Hall (Franklin St entrance) before the event, to warm up your voice. *Messiah* performance starts at 8 pm at Davies. 8 pm, $15-$35. Info/tix res: 431-5400.

David MacLean in "Quarantine of the Mind." Toronto-based performance artist David MacLean is the writer/performer of this play about a gay man living in crazy times. This solo piece incorporates performance, slide projection & music to examine the precarious nature of living in an era when AIDS has changed what being gay once meant. 8 pm, $10. Tues-Wed at 8 pm, Fri at 10 pm, thru 12/20. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Electric City queer TV show airs tonight & 12/17, 24 & 31 at 10:30 pm on cable channel 30 in Cupertino. For program details call 861-7131.

DEC 11 / WED

Forbidden Images Gallery, a small, nonprofit gallery in San Jose, seeks Board members for upcoming January elections. Call (408) 280-5313 for info.

CUAV Volunteer Expansion: Community United Against Violence (CUAV), a nonprofit agency providing services to lesbian & gay victims of hate crimes, is expanding its volunteer program and seeks people available between 10 am and 6 pm to provide administrative support, take incident reports & provide referrals to clients. Also opportunities to work with staff on special projects. Volunteers should be able to commit 2-4 hours per week. Also upcoming training offered for work on CUAV's 24 hr crisis line. Women, people of color, and bilingual people are especially welcome. Interested? Call Elaine Beale 864-3112 for details.

Lesbians with Physical Disability & Chronic Illness: Therapy group at Operation Concern. Meets Wednesdays, noon-1:45 pm. Info/intake: Sandee Henry, MFCC, 626-7000.

Project Share monthly informational gathering for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in sharing space in their home, or finding shared housing. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-9030.

20 Dunstan Terrace TV program airs 4:30-5 pm on CityVisions cable channel 25 in SF. Program: Max C Wilson hosts a "Tribute to Technology" tour of the telephone company, Rosalind Russell demos the use of switchboards, Jason Dilley is interviewed about Project Face to Face (the AIDS art project) and discussion of trips to rural Virginia and summer projects. Info: 775-5072.

Marin PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meets in the Choir Room of Church of Our Saviour, 10 Old Mill Road, Mill Valley. Info: 457-1115.

Bi-Friendly UC meets for a support group/social on the UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF communities and their friends (all "university-identified" people) are welcome! At Cafe Bottega, 2311 Telegraph Ave nr Bancroft, Berkeley. For mtg time & other info contact Betsy (510) 845-7411.

"Men's Only" Weight Watchers Group for men who have at least 10 pounds to lose meets Weds eves at Temple Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Weigh-in at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm. $27 to join, then $10 per week. Info: 1-(800)-473-3300.

13th Annual "Sing-It-Yourself" Messiah at Davies Symphony Hall in SF—see 12/10 listing for details.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Informa-

END UP

••••••• Thurs 12/5 •••••••
FLIP FLOP*
DJ Matt Baker

•••••••••Fri 12/6•••••••••
DEKADENCE*
ANNIVERSARY PARTY!
"Beauty and the Beast"
DJ Bugie

•••••••• Sat 12/7 ••••••••
THE GIRL SPOT
w/Exotica. Hotline 337-4962

•••••••• Sun 12/8 ••••••••
TEA DANCE 6 am-?

•••••• Sun Nite 12/8 ••••••
CLUB URANUS
w/Lewis and Mike

••••••• Tues 12/10 •••••••
CLUB ESCAPE*
w/Jake and Tom
Band: "The Bleeding Stone"

••••••• Wed 12/11 •••••••
CLUB OUT*RAGE*
Housing Project
9 pm-After Hours

••••••• Thurs 12/12 •••••••
FLIP FLOP*
DJ Matt Baker

•••••••• Fri 12/13 ••••••••
DEKADENCE*
DJ Bugie

•••••••• Sat 12/14 ••••••••
THE GIRL SPOT
w/Exotica. Hotline 337-4962

••••••• Sun 12/15 •••••••
TEA DANCE 6 am-?

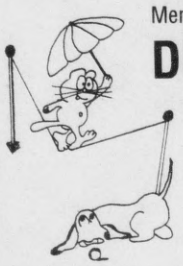
••••••Sun Nite 12/15••••••
CLUB URANUS
w/Lewis and Mike

••••••• Tues 12/17 •••••••
CLUB ESCAPE
w/Jake and Tom

••••••• Wed 12/18 •••••••
CLUB OUT*RAGE*
Housing Project
9 pm-After Hours

•••••• THE END UP ••••••
6th/Harrison 543-7700

*Feature "After Hours"



Member, National Association of Pet Sitters

DROP-IN PET CARE

Personalized Pet Care In Your Home since 1985

567-7301

San Francisco only

BONDED

When you can't be there, rely on

ANOTHER MOTHER

Personalized pet care in your home

MANDY COVEY (415) 647-1385

Reasonable rates Bonded & Insured

While you are away, let

CASTRO PET-TENDERS

tend to the needs of your pet in the comfort and safety of your own home.

Enjoy your time away, knowing that your pet and your home are being taken care of just as you would yourself!

Charles Clifton
Steffen Matusik

861-8870

Registered/
Bonded/Insured

"PAMPER YOURSELF ... YOU DESERVE IT!"

SELECT THE LEVEL OF TANNING BED

5 High Speed 65.00
10 for 69.95
6 Passive Exercise . . 65.00
(enhances your gym workout)

MASSAGE

HELPS RELIEVE STRESS & OTHER ANXIETIES ...

1 Hour Introductory Massage 35.00

HAIRCUTTING BY EXPERT STYLISTS

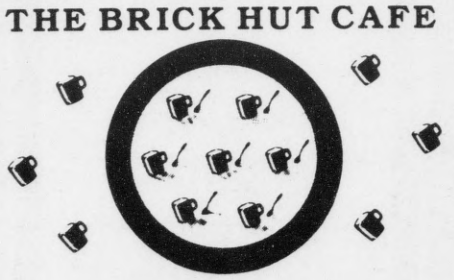
INTRODUCING MASSAGE THERAPISTS

GIFT IDEA 1 BODY · 1 FACE · 1 PASSIVE EXERCISE
$19.95...A $33 VALUE! COMPARE OUR PRICES!!

ALWAYS TAN AND TRIM

626•8505 • 550B Castro Street

THE BRICK HUT CAFE



We've been serving
The Best Breakfast in the East Bay since 1975.
If you haven't tried us yet,
It's Time.

omlettes • • fresh fruit waffles • fantastic eggs
eggs al pesto • charbroiled hamburgers • salads • soups
tofu saute • specials • espresso

M-F 7:30-2 pm **Sat & Sun** 8:30-3 pm
3222 Adeline (near Ashby BART) Berkeley • 658-5555

tion for Self-Employed People," a two-evening seminar spons by Options Institute & taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel. $60. SF location. Info: 821-1015.

Gulf War Discussion at La Pena: See *After the Gulf War*, video produced by Sharon Wallace & Christine Ahmed. Documentary features the voices of West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinians speaking about life under Israeli occupation during the Gulf War. Filmmakers present to discuss the video. 7:30 pm, $5-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Spons by Middle East Children's Alliance. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Dreamwork in Recovery Wkshop at A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. 7:30 pm. Led by recovery therapist Debbie Watson, MFCC. Bring a dream & learn to interpret. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Sea Snakes Scuba Club Christmas Party at #1 St Francis Place (3rd & Folsom), SF. 7:30 pm. Food, beverages, videos, fun! Bring a canned food item for Project Concern. Info: 431-1340.

Bondage Buddies Novice Night: A hands-on wkshop & play night, spons by Bondage Buddies, a play group for gay men interested in bondage, harddicks, & fun s/m. Bondage demos in the rack, suspension, rope body harness, mummification, standing spread eagle, lay down spread eagle and hogtie. Participants can try bondage in a safe & non-threatening environment. Also free time to explore, play safely, & have fun in the dungeon. Clothes check available, sex clothes or leather encouraged. 8 pm, $20 at door, $5 rebates for each demo tried (minimum cost for evening—$10). Info/location: 292-3228.

David MacLean in "Quarantine of the Mind," at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/10 listing.

Electric City queer TV show airs tonight & 12/18 & 25 at 8 pm on cable channel 35 in SF. For program details call 861-7131.

Romanovsky & Phillips in concert at Great American Music Hall.I 8 pm, $12. Info/res: 885-0750.

Comedy Night at El Rio with Marga Gomez, Scott Capurro, Mark Davis & Bridget Burke. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

CISPES Benefit at the I-BEAM: The SF branch of Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) presents a benefit bash to raise funds for a caravan of educational materials, machine shop equipment & computers due to depart for El Salvador in February, to aid schools, women's committees & cooperative carpentry & machine shops in El Salvador. Come party tonight to four fine local bands—*Pieces of Lisa, Soma Holiday, Midnight Voices,* and *The Tubes*; as well as the tentatively scheduled Jello Biafra, presenting his current observational rant thang. 9 pm, $5-8 SL donation. 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: 668-6006.

Silent Records 5-Year Anniversary Bash: SF's premier industrial & experimental label celebrates five years of business tonight at The Chameleon, 853 Valencia St, SF. Seymour Glass, editor of *Bananafish* magazine cranks out the beats. Plus special industrial smart bar, hosted by the Nutrient Cafe of Toon Town fame, plus sushi & a full bar. Doors open at 9 pm, come & enjoy your favorite experimental/industrial music, sample the latest nutritious smart drinks, and meet staff & fans of Silent. Info: 252-5764.

DEC 12 / T H U

"Into the Darkness, Into the Light," a body-centered winter solstice retreat for men. 6th annual fall/winter men's retreat co-spons by PeaceWorks: Ctr for the Dances of Universal Peace and MenAwake. Create safe & sacred space to explore deeper aspects of ourselves & each other. Utilizes dancing, guided visualization, walking meditation, drumming, healing touch, small group process, ritual, art & other sacred elements from various traditions. How far we go depends on the men who attend. This retreat is a safe place for all men: hetero, bi, gay or unlabeled. Facilitated by Muiz Brinkerhoff & Abdul Quddus John Kull. Today thru 12/15. For info/reg call Muiz 459-1813.

Feeling Our Fire, Healing Our World: What Can a Shakti Woman Do? Workshop led by Vicki Noble, feminist shaman healer & author of *Shakti Women: Feeling Our Fire, Healing Our World*. Slideshow/lecture focuses on women's sacred energies & the natural healing abilities of women. Noon-1 pm program, 1-1:30 pm booksigning. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Toland Hall, UCSF. Free. Info: 476-0400.

Of Rage & Remembrance: SF Symphony presents the West Coast premiere of John Corigliano's "Symphony No. 1" inspired by the interwoven stories of the AIDS quilt. Program also includes works by Mozart & Brahms. 2 pm today, 8:30 pm on 12/13 & 14 at Davies Symphony Hall, SF. Info: Symphony Box Office 431-5400.

Chanticleer's Christmas Concert, Dec. 14 & 15.

Men's Friendship Group spon by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today & 12/26 at 2:45 pm. 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Celebrate Mid-Holiday Season Happy Hour at Cafe San Marcos with Bi-Friendly SF—Come snuggle & relax by the fire with friends—call John 775-5697 for details. 2367 Market St, SF.

Holiday Party spons by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF): 6-8 pm at 245 Castro St at Beaver, SF (2 blocks from Castro Street MUNI Station). Food, drinks & more. $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts & low-income.

The Probable Site of the Garden of Eden: A talking/dance/poem by Rachel Kaplan, on the connections btwn the abuse of the planet, the abuse of women, war, and how we love our mothers. Tonight thru 12/14 at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. $5-10 SL fee. For time & tix info call 255-8510.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony benefits Project Open Hand. The festivities begin at 6 pm, with a tree lighting, which is followed by a reception. Includes delicious hors d'oeuvres, catered by Project Open Hand, and other holiday libations. In the SF Federal Building lobby. Info: 558-0600.

BACW Sonoma Holiday Dinner Deluxe: Join Bay Area Career Women Sonoma County for a sumptuous & enjoyable eve of fine food & frolicking at Prospect Park. 6:30 pm social, 7 pm dinner. Space limited, reservations a must! Call by 12/10 to reserve. $23. Info/res: Stephanie (707) 874-1621 or Toni (707) 578-7743.

Rainbow's End gay/lesbian/bisexual youth group meets this evening, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Implications of Breast Implants/Augmentation: Medical sociologist Jane Zones discusses the medical and social implications of breast implants in breast reconstruction & enlargement surgery. All women who would like to know more about the personal, political, and economic repercussions of breast reconstruction and enlargement surgery are welcome. Jane Zones is on the Board of the National Women's Health Network, and the faculty of UCSF. 7 pm, donations accepted. Women's Cancer Resource Ctr,"3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Please wear no scents. Info: (510) 548-WCRC.

Jazz, Dinner & Dancing at ASTA Supper Club with Clairdee, tonight & 12/19, 7-11 pm. Info/res: 495-ASTA. One Rincon Center, 101 Spear St, SF.

Queer Options Seminar: Tonight's topic—"Undercover," a discussion of queers in forbidden fields. Panelists include Ken McPherson (Forbidden Scouts) and several ex-members of the military & clergy. 7-9 pm, free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Room 115. Spons by SF City College. No registration necessary. Info: 255-1042.

Rounds Singing for Women Class—see 12/5.

Cuba Lecture at La Pena: Photographer Adam Kufeld, recently back after spending a month in Cuba working on his new photo book about the island, shares recollections from his past 3 trips to Cuba, and, along with a speaker from Global Exchange, discusses Cuba's prospects for the future following the recent Cuban Communist Party Congress. 7:30 pm, $5-10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Australia's flamboyant export, Dame Edna Everage, discusses & signs copies of her book, *My Gorgeous Life: The Life, the Loves, the Legend*. 7:30 pm (time & date tentative, please call the store to confirm). Info: 431-0891. 489 Castro St, SF.

The Christmas Revels: Annual celebration of holiday traditions, combining music, dance & drama. This year's production focuses on the history of "The Fool;" and stars the award-winning former Pickle Family Circus clown Geoff Hoyle, joined by a cast of 100-plus local actors & dancers, a children's chorus, and more. 7:30 pm tonight, 8 pm tmw; 3 & 8 pm on 12/14; 1:30 pm & 5 pm on 12/15. At Scottish Rite Theater, 1547 Lakeshore Blvd, Oakl. Tix: $17 gen'l, $11 srs & kids under 12. Info/res: (510) 841-6334.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA. Tonight's topic: Examining Our Roots, a discussion of differences in our upbringing and heritages, led by Cynthia. 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Rap followed by coffee at Ramona's. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!

"Fruitcakes on Parade," Global Riot presents their holiday pageant, a queer comedy show for the holiday season, by SF's only gay & lesbian improv group. Part scripted, part improv, and totally fabulous, this show includes music, big dance numbers, audience gifts, and basic queer holiday cheer. Tonight's performance is a benefit for Kairos House, a nonprofit which supports caretakers of people with HIV. Show runs Thurs-Sun thru 12/29, at 8 pm. Tix $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Gay Comedy Night at Other Cafe Theater with comics Danny Williams & Marilyn Pittman. 8 pm, $7. 5800 Shellmound St, Emeryville. Info/res: 601-4888.

Great Blues Eve at Great American Music Hall with Carla Thomas & Joe Houston. 8:30 pm, $13. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

Dana Devereau & Friends at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm, free. Info: 282-3325.

DEC 13 / F R I

Antiwar Imprisoned Activists is the topic of today's program, part of the "You Can't Jail the Spirit: Political Prisoners in the US" series on KPFA Radio, 94.1 FM. Noon-1 pm. Produced by Women Against Imperialism and Out of Control: Lesbian Committee in Support of Women Political Prisoners. Info: 648-4505.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Novelist Katherine V Forrest reads & signs copies of her new book, *Murder by Tradition*. 6 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Joan Vinge reads from her long-awaited novel, *The Summer Queen,* the sequel to her 1982 Hugo Award-winning novel, *The Snow Queen*. 6 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757 or (510) 845-7758.

A Winter Celebration Benefit spons by Southbay BACW (Bay Area Career Women) at Selections. Cabaret-style atmosphere. Entertainment with comic Karen Ripley; *Maiko*, a woman's drumming & poetry group; energetic Mexican folklorico dance with *Amailia*, and more. Light buffet, no-host dessert bar. Plus an opportunity to get your picture taken with Ms Santa Closet, and door prizes. Doors open at 5 pm, entertainment begins at 6:30 pm, dancing at 10 pm. Tix $12. Seating limited, adv reg suggested. Proceeds benefit BACW's "A Fund of Our Own" grant program set up exclusively for the lesbian community. Info/res: Southbay BACW Hotline (408) 223-8850.

Night on the Town with Bi-Friendly Eastbay at Club Mix, 1 Bolivar Drive (near Aquatic Park). Buffet dinner $9, includes cover charge for dancing. 7 pm. If you want to skip dinner, come before 9 for free admission to dancing (it's $5 after 9 pm). Info: (510) 540-0869.

Peggy Moffitt, model & author, and photographer William Claxton sign & discuss *The Rudi Gernreich Book* about one of America's most original designers. 7 pm at Alexander Book Co, 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Publisher Bert Herrman, translator Gerald Fabian, & illustrator Nemi Frost celebrate Alamo Square Press' publication of *Pei Yu: Boy Actress,* a 1920s novel by the French author George Soulie de Morant that tells the story of a beautiful boy who won acclaim playing women's roles in turn-of-the-century China, while living as the lover of warlords. Fabian discusses the book & its history. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Stolen Glances: *Lesbians Take Photographs*—Jill Posener, Cathy Cade, and other contributors to this anthology show slides & discuss their work at Modern Times Bookstore. 8 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Moroccan Music at La Pena with *El Fayzeen*. 8 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Himalayan Bells Benefit Concert at the Neptune Society Columbarium tonight & tmw. Includes 10-foot Tibetan horns, Himalayan bells, bowls, cymbals, drums, conch shells & a one-of-a-kind steel string copper harp. Musician Karma Moffett and harmonic vocalist Taressa present this concert benefit focused on renewal and healing. 8 pm, $15. Proceeds benefit the Eastbay fire victims. Neptune Society Columbarium, #1 Loraine Court btwn Geary & Anza and Arguello & Stanyon Sts, SF. Info/res: Joe Biernacki 221-1838.

Debi Goodson Concert at Mama Bears: From folk to rock, pop & more. 8 pm, $6-8. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Brainwash Celebrates 2 years of cleaning up SOMA with a get down & dirty bash with dj Page Hodel, Archie Bell, Wende Mairs and Bleachman! 8 pm-midnight. Don't miss! 1122 Folsom St, SF.

The Christmas Revels: Annual celebration of holiday traditions—see 12/12 listing for details.

Songs of the Americas: Chilean songwriter/guitarist Rafael Manriquez conducts the La Pena Community Chorus in a free concert tonight at Berkeley Public Library's Central Reading room. 8 pm. 2090 Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Schola Cantorum, "Home for the Holidays" concert: A potpourri of holiday music including the African folk classic *Missa Luba* and the world premiere of *Al-ha-Nissim* by Jose Bowen. Also traditional carols and a chance to singalong. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts; $5 kids under 12. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. Info/res: 903-6000.

In Xochitl in Cuicatl (Flower & Song) Before Columbus: the Music of Susan Rawcliffe & Victor Mario Zaballa at the Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 346-4063.

"Fruitcakes on Parade," with Global Riot at Josie's—see 12/12.

BACORR Benefit Show at the Kennel Club: BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights), a 3-year-old clinic defense organization uniting pro-choice men & women in keeping Bay Area clinics open & assuring women's safe access in the face of Operation Rescue's attempts to close them, spons tonight's benefit concert, in assoc with Black Adder Management. Night of hot entertainment with Josef Brinckmann & the *Conspiracy of Equals; Hoi Polloi; Her Majesty the Baby; Love Nest;* and Jigsaw Murphy. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 8:30. $5-10 donation.

Of Rage & Remembrance: SF Symphony presents John Corigliano's work inspired by the AIDS Quilt. See 12/12 listing for details.

Nzinga World Beat Dance Party with dj Mongrel at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Info: 282-3325.

Blues Legend John Lee Hooker at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. 9 pm, $20. Tonight & tmw. Info/res: 885-0750.

David MacLean in "Quarantine of the Mind" at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/10 listing for details.

Kotoja at Bahia Tropical—Caribbean, American & Nigerian "dark-eyed soul with a micro pop edge." 10 pm, $10. 1600 Market St, SF. Info: 861-8657.

Thresholds at Cafe Beano: Poets Jack Hirschman & Sarah Menefee read from their new work. 10:30 pm $4. The Marsh at Cafe Beano. 878 Valencia St, SF. Info: 558-8112.

Photo by Richard Armas

That's Jim Bailey (really) performing this month—see OnStage for info.

DEC 14 / S A T

Rafiki Services Project Emotional Support Training Wkend: Today & tmw. Learn how to provide practical & emotional support to African Americans living with AIDS. Call 346-5860 for info/res. Get involved!

KPFA 21st Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair—see 12/7 listing for details.

"Learn to Ski" 1-Day Trip to Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort. Spons by X-TA-C gay & lesbian cross country skiing club. Perfect trip for the beginning skier who wants to try the sport as well as the experienced skier on a tight schedule. Call Greg (510) 865-6792 or Barb (415) 641-8765 for info & to arrange carpools.

Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 23rd Ave exit off Hwy 880 to Kennedy St (which merges briefly with 23rd), turning right onto Park St. Cross Park St Bridge into Alameda, continue on Park thru town to Otis. Turn left on Otis and follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Drive & immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9:30 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

17th Annual Christmas Show & Sale to benefit Ft Mason Art Center: Today & tmw, 10 am-6 pm. Exciting new work, unique Christmas gifts—photography, painting, mixed media, ceramics, monoprints, sculpture & jewelry. Ft Mason Center Bldg B, Laguna & Marina Blvd, SF. Room 205.

Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration, see 12/6 listing for details.

Women's Bldg Arts & Crafts Fair continues at Fort Mason Center today & tmw; see 12/7 listing for details.

Kids' Program at La Pena—see Parents & Kidsbox.

Santa Photos for Animal Companions at Peninsula Humane Society, see 12/7 listing for details.

Erotic Shaving from Head to Toe: A class taught by Noni Howard, part of QSM's series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Noni, who has been a professional dominant for 15 years, uses plucking, waxing, clipping & razors (straight & disposable) to remove hair. She gives practical advice on aftercare & how to avoid problems if you let the hair grow back. $15 fee. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm at a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.

SF Int'l Holiday Carolling Competition: Non-secular, non-traditional, wacky competition held noon-4 pm, today & tmw at the Anchorage Shopping Center at Fisherman's Wharf, 2800 Leavenworth St, SF. Program Schedule: 12/14—open carolling competition; 12/15—noon-2:30 pm open carolling competition; 2:30-3:30 pm finals; 4 pm awards ceremony. Cash prizes from $100-$500. Judging criteria include int'l carolling attire, originality, stage presence & crowd appeal, and carolling proficiency. Proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Info: Pat Roberts 775-6000 or Tom Torriglia 346-5862.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Peggy Moffitt & Bill Claxton, authors of *The Rudi Gernreich Book*, discuss the work & life of the late fashion designer, known for the topless bikini, and, in the gay community, as a founder of the Mattachine Society. Discussion & booksigning. 12:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

S Clay Wilson, underground comix giant (best known for his characters the Checkered Demon and Ruby the Dyke) makes a rare appearance at Cartoon Art Museum. 1-4 pm. 665 Third St, SF. 5th floor. Info: 546-9481.

Warrior Women & Witches in Poetry & Art: An opening poetry reading/art presentation led by Ann Forfreedom. Includes reading by Bay Area poet Viviane Lerner & others. Focus on images of warrior women, witches & other strong women of the past and present. 1-4 pm, donations requested. Seating limited, first-come, first-served. WA. Women & men welcome. Institute for Feminist Studies, 1005 Market St, Ste 305, (6th & Market) SF. Proceeds benefit the Salem Witch Trial Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization raising funds to bronze a feminist memorial statue to honor the victims of witchhunts. Info: 621-4220.

Puppet Show at A New Leaf, the Recovery Resource Store. Tom Roberts Diamond presents a special puppet show for all ages. 3-4 pm at 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur (next to the Lark Theater). Info: 924-8970.

The Christmas Revels: Annual celebration of holiday traditions, see 12/12.

Marin Holiday Cocktail Party with Marin BACW. Join Bay Area Career Women for an eve of good food & drinks, and lots of good women! $7. For info/location call Tor 453-2912.

Fabulous Spaghetti Dinner & Auction: Spons by Bay Area Pledge of Resistance. Get fine art, photography, pottery, jewelry, protest memorabilia, massages, gift certificates & more. Plus delicious food and live music with *Grupo MuyMuy* and screening of short, provocative, innovative political videos. 6 pm, $5-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. WA. St John's Methodist Church, 1600 Clay St, corner of Larkin, SF. Info: (510) 655-1177. Childcare provided.

Soul Ventures Holiday Bash—today's the deadline to RSVP—see 12/19 listing for details.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Today's the deadline for reservations for December's feast! See 12/19 listing for details.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*, with guest artists Dana Hanchard, Leneida Crawford, Steven Stolen & Leroy Kromm; and Univ of Calif Chamber Chrous. 7:30 pm tonight & 7 pm tmw at First Congregational Church, Berkeley. 7:30 pm on 12/18 at Angelico Hall, Dominican College, San Rafael; 7:30 pm 12/19 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Tix $23-30. Call City Box Office, 392-4400 for all performances except Walnut Creek (943-7469).

Global Riot in "Fruitcakes on Parade" at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/12.

"An Old Fashioned Christmas," Golden Gate Men's Chorus presents their annual winter concert featuring traditional Christmas favorites from Gregorian Chant to contemporary songs; with a special guest appearance by the Sacramento Men's Chorus. 8 pm tonight & 2 pm tmw at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Tix: $10 adv, $12 at door, gen'l; $6 stdnts & srs. Tix available at Headlines.

In Xochitl in Cuitcatl (Flower & Song) Before Columbus—music performance at The Lab, see 12/13 listing for details.

Singet! Jubilieret! Christmas from the Town Squares of Renaissance Germany—SF Bach Choir concert of festive Christmas music. Accompanied by the premiere early wind group, *The King's Trumpetts & Shalmes*. Variety of motets, songs & dances as they might have been presented in the town squares, castles & homes of late 15th & early 16th century Germany. 8 pm tonight, 4 pm tmw. Tix: $13 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs, in adv. $15 gen'l, $10 stdnts & srs, at door. Trinity Episcopal Church, Gough & Bush, SF. Info/res: 931-4529.

Romanovski & Phillips in Concert at Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz. Don't miss this popular, out-of-the-closet singing duo! 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. $6 stdnts. Info/res: Tom Lam (408) 335-5081.

Girth & Mirth Club Christmas Party: Join G&M for their annual holiday bash at 176-B Page St, SF. Fun starts at 8 pm! The Club supplies everything—hot & cold finger foods, soft drinks, beer & wine. Just bring yourself (and a friend, too!) Also 50/50 raffle, plus gift exchange (optional, price limit $5-$10). Info: 824-0260.

Teresa Chandler belts out torchy blues, wacky waltzes & a touch of country—tonight at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Himalyan Bells Concert at the Neptune Society to benefit Eastbay fire victims, see 12/13 listing for details.

Night of Contemporary Choreography at Foothill College Main Theatre, with Nancy Colahan, Deborah Dawn, Bill Young, Laurie Seymour and Ehud Krauss. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts, $6 srs & kids under 12. Info/res: 948-4444.

Other Cinema Series at ATA: Chilean emigre Raul Ruiz' *Three Crowns of a Sailor*. A sailor's surrealist shaggy dog story. Special guest intro by Limelight's Ken Bullock. 8:30 pm, $5. Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Of Rage & Remembrance: SF Symphony premieres John Corigliano's piece inspired by the AIDS Quilt. See 12/12 listing for details.

John Lee Hooker at Great American Music Hall—see 12/13.

Dr Loco's *Rockin' Jalapeno Band* at La Pena. Come boogie with the Doc!—cumbia, polka, rock y mas. 9:30 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568.

X-Mass in Space Party! at Klubstititute: Spons by *SF Bay Times*, a celebration of our new bi-weekly status and a birthday bash for Klubstitute's Stephen Maxine—come see a galaxy of stars including LZ Love, Enrique, Miss X, Phillip R Ford, Billy De Herrara, Omewenne, Lois Turd 2000 & Doll Parts; plus the "Ruby the Red Nose Drag Queen Review" with Miss Ruby Toosday, Sasha Blue, Madeline & the House of Pancake! Plus Tony Vagueley's "Scrooge's X-Mass Wild Ride" and dj Miss Go-Go Chanel! And Fruitfly's "Shopping Frenzy Booth"—original fashions for the price of a song. Come meet *SF Bay Times* staff Ggreg Taylor, Dave Ford, Don Baird, Val C Phoenix, Tom Starr & more. Note: *SF Bay Times* personal advertisers for month of December get a free invite to the party, good for them and their date, plus a 1/2 ad free just for showing up! So see you there... 1751 Fulton St, SF. Info: Diet or Remix 826-5358.

Electric City queer TV show airs tonight in Richmond, see 12/7 listing for details.

At El Rio tonight: *Field Trip*, plus more! 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret: Laugh yourself silly with Karen Ripley, Danny Williams & Mark Davis. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

DEC 15 / S U N

Mt Tam Hike with SF Hiking Club. Upper slopes of Mt Tam btwn Rock Spring & East Peak, on both north & south sides of the mountain. Total hiking distance 9.5 miles. Total elevation gain 800 ft, in 3 easy stretches. Most of the hike is on hillside trails that tend to follow the contours. If the weather's clear, you'll see spectacular views of the Bay & the ocean. Led by Clyde Wahrhaftig (285-1260). Total auto travel 40 miles, cost per car $4 mileage plus $3 bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Meet 9 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Marin residents can meet at 10:45 am at Rock Spring, at the junction of the Pantoll-Rock Spring Road with Bolinas Ridge Road. Bring lunch, water & warm clothing. Rain cancels.

Pets & People Photo Contest: Today's the deadline to send in your best pet-oriented photos & win prizes from leading Bay Area businesses. $5 fee per entry, proceeds benefit the SF SPCA's Animal Assisted Therapy Program. Info: 554-3000.

KPFA 21st Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair—final day! See 12/7 listing for details.

Rafiki Services Project seeks volunteers for their program providing practical & emotional support to African Americans living with AIDS—see 12/14 listing for details.

Latin American Crafts Fair at La Pena Cultural Center: Fine crafts & informational booths, plus lots of music & food; so come have fun, browse & buy your holiday gifts from nonprofit organizations like Pueblo to People and Guatemala Relief Project. 10 am-5 pm, free admission. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Women's Bldg Arts & Crafts Fair: Final day of this annual arts & crafts extravaganza. A fine, fun way to get your holiday shopping done. See 12/7 listing for details. Don't miss!

17th Annual Christmas Art Show & Sale at Ft Mason Center—final day! See 12/14 listing for details.

Annual Spirit of Christmas Crafts Faire & Celebration—see 12/6 listing for details. Final day!

How to Top for People Who Usually Don't: A class taught by Pat Califia & Robin Sweeney. Part of QSM's series of educational & artistic programs for the s/m community. Do you think being a Top is too much work or too much responsibility for you to handle? Pat & Robin lead group & paired exercises created specifically to address this & other issues. Note: This popular workshop sold out quickly when it was offered last summer, so call early to reserve your spot (it will be repeated 1/5 if necessary). $30. Private SF space. Call 550-7776 for info.

The Christmas Revels: Annual celebration of holiday traditions, see 12/12 listing for details. Final day!

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Artist Susan Seddon Boulet shows some original artwork & signs her books & calendars. 3 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Singet! Jubilieret! Christmas from the Town Squares of Renaissance Germany, a concert with SF Bach Choir—see 12/14 listing for details.

"Deadly Living Legends" with Jose & friends at Charpe's, see 12/8.

"A Hard Candy Christmas" Concert—a blast of swing music & dancing; with *City Swing*, featuring vocalist Gail Wilson. A gala holiday extravaganza at Contours Gallery, 50 Otis St, SF. Come get into the swing of things! 4 pm,

Sonoma County Real Estate
Residential and Investment Properties

COLDWELL BANKER

NORTH PROPERTIES
Santa Rosa

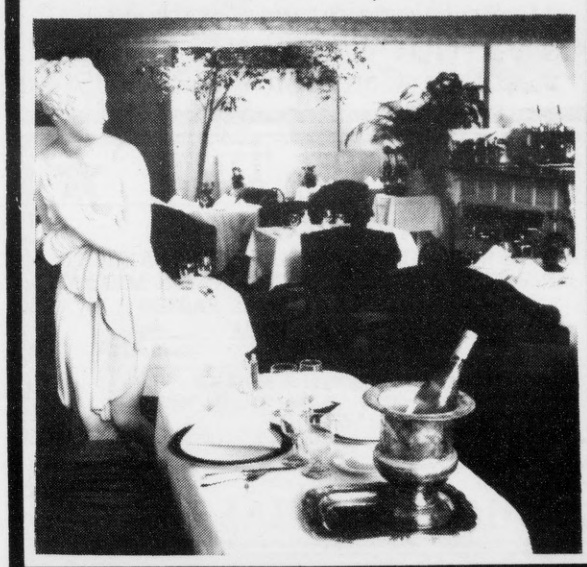
KIM BOVARD
REALTOR
O: 546-8811
H: 523-0152

"Go with friends you really like to spend time with. You are so well fed and so well taken care of, that you tend to forget where you are and what you're doing."

"Go with someone you'd like to know well - subdued, romantic - it's perfect for a first date."

"Go soon - Be prepared for a wonderful evening & give the boys a big hug from me!"

Ron Ginsberg, Bay Dining Editor
S.F. Sentinel - September 19, 1991



Oppenheimer
2050 Divisadero Street (off Sacramento) 563-0444
Tuesday Saturday from 5:30. Sunday Brunch: from 10:30 - 2:15

small change
An **alternative** children's store offering
Discounted, New & Recycled
Children's Wear Gifts Toys
★ *Sizes Newborn - 14* Books
★ *Gender-free*
★ *100% cotton* Open 7 days
10% off with this ad
1234 9th Avenue near Lincoln, S. F. 566-1234

Save $100,000 + Or More
on your home/commercial loan
WITHOUT refinancing!
Equity acceleration builds equity 2-3x faster!
No credit checks. Transferable to new loan.
Free computer analysis comparison. Call (415) 929-7338.
Barbara Tetzlaff, Regional Manager
U.S. Mortgage Reduction

Ethan Allen®
Bring this Ad in and get your
FREE Treasury
BRADLEY J. FARMER
Interior Designer
PHONE (707) 544-1776
2503 CLEVELAND AVE., SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

RUBBER STAMPS!

"PG" & "XXX" Rated!
Totally Unique!
Catalog: $2 (refundable)
Second City
Box 7701-B San Jose, CA 95150
***or* Catalog-By-Phone**
(408) 976-6447
SUPER CHRISTMAS GIFT!!

GYM FEAR? ©
Do you believe that you need to look good before you can even walk into a gym? Nonsense! I am a trainer who specializes in working with out of shape people, both men and women, or people who are simply afraid. In my private "one on one" studio, the experience I create is fun, healthy, and molded to your needs. I am compassionate, humorous, and dedicated to helping you make a difference in your life.
Your Personal Best™
Roy Cameron 553-8635

TRAVEL TIME
WE DISCOUNT
AIRFARE TO EUROPE/HAWAII/MEXICO/ORIENT
AIR/HOTEL PACKAGES FOR HAWAII & MEXICO
RSVP CRUISES - EURAIL PASSES
ASK FOR KIRK
OPEN M - F 9 AM/5:30PM & SAT 9 AM - 3 PM
One Hallidie Plaza Ste. 406, S.F., CA 94102
415-677-0799

MESHEL'S SPECIAL TRAVEL
Free Personalized Service and Citywide Delivery.
Lauren D. Meshel
415 777-9885
123 Townsend, Suite 245
San Francisco, CA 94107

$12. Info/res: 554-0402.
Jungle Fever at El Rio with dj Clay. 4-8 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Women's Circle for Peace: An ongoing women's ritual group focused on world peace. Bring drums, rattles, songs & chants. 6 pm. SF location. Call 552-0852.
"Mistletoe & Magic" Gala Dinner Dance & Floorshow: Come dance to the music of Tin Pan Alley, Brodway, the Beatles, etc, at a volume to soothe your ears. Spons by Women Over Fifty. For *all* women who love the romantic, melodic songs we all remember. For info/res call (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*—see 12/14.
***500 Years of Chicano History** in Pictures:* Editor Elizabeth Martinez discusses her concise & compelling book--a look at Mexican-American reality since the time of the Conquest. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Winter Ritual Celebration/Benefit at Sebastopol Community Center. Join ecofeminist activist, author & ritualist Starhawk, and Oshun Priestess (African Yoruba tradition) Luisah Teish in a ritual celebration incorporating dance, music, singing, drumming & visualization in a joyful exploration of two different Earth-based spiritual traditions. Portion of proceeds benefit EarthCalls Network, a nonprofit that funds ecological & spiritual workshops & events. 7:30 pm, $12 adv, $15 at door. 390 Morris St, Sebastopol. Info/res: Harmony Network Productions (707) 869-0989.
Blue World Players & Friends in a "Night for 10 Rights Commemoration" of the bicentennial of the ratification of the Bill of Rights. Music, theater, poetry & more. 7:30 pm, $5-8. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
"Fruitcakes on Parade," with Global Riot at Josie's Cabaret—see 12/12.
Electric City queer TV shows airs tonight in SF and in El Cerrito, see 12/8 listing for details.

"Fruitcakes on Parade"—Global Riot's Holiday Extravaganza. See Dec. 12 for info. Runs all month.

DEC 16 / MON

Hotel Tax/Grants for the Arts: Free workshops for first-time applicants for SF's Hotel Tax/Grants for the Arts. Artists, administrators & board members of SF arts & cultural organizations are invited to learn about the application process for 1992/93. Grants for the Arts staff will describe & answer questions about the review process and 3 types of funding allocations: Performing, Visual & Media Arts; Annual Celebrations/Parades; and Tourist-Support Services. Application deadline is 2/14/92. Info: 554-6710. Workshops held 3:30-5 pm and 6-7:30 pm in the Dollar Board Room, SF Ballet Building, 455 Franklin St, SF.
Women's Writers Wkshop spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 6-8 pm. 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
BWMT Rap/Social: Tonight's topic—"After Stonewall: Are we better off now than we were 20 years ago?" Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7 pm.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 12/9 listing for details.
Women's Spirituality Group meets for a Winter Solstice celebration & potluck feast at Abigail's. 7 pm. For info/directions call 457-1115.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Bison Brewery, 2598 Telegraph Ave at Parker, Berkeley. All bisexuals & bi-friendly others are welcome! Info: Susan 524-0574.
***Pipe Dream Blues:** Racism & the War on Drugs:* Clarence Lusane, staff aide to DC Congressman Walter Fauntroy, discusses his new book at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, free. Info: 282-9246.
Marin Men's Gathering features Rev Dave Martin of AIDS Interfaith of Marin, discussing "It's Never Too Early to Take Charge of Your Health," a talk on HIV early intervention. 8-10 pm, $5-$10 at door (no one turned away due to lack of funds). In the Library Room at Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: Rev Scott Phipps 382-7760.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Maureen Brownsey. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Unusual Music at Great American Music Hall with *The Glen Spearman & Donald Robinson Double Trio.* 8 pm, $10. 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Info/res: 885-0750.

DEC 17 / TUE

JFCS AIDS Support Group: Registrations accepted for new support group for Jewish people with AIDS or ARC, spons by Jewish Family & Children's Services. The 8-wk series starts in January, and will explore Jewish attitudes & practices during times of illness. Also discussion of the ways in which Judaism has or has not been supportive, spiritual struggles, grief & loss, Jewish practices regarding death & dying, and Judaism & suicide. All Jews with AIDS, affiliated or unaffiliated, alienated or connected, knowledgeable about Jewish practices or not, are welcome to join. Info: Jody Reiss 561-1241.
Gay Men's Drop-In Group discusses HIV, mental health & substance abuse concerns. Meets Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. Info: 252-6062. 1853 Market St, SF.
Writing Wkshop for Women: Register now for this workshop, facilitated by writer/editor Suzanne Sherman, which starts mid-January. Focus on developing imaginative skills & generating material thru inspirational in-class exercises & optional take-home "assignments;" create & fine-tune works-in-progress. Individual attention & goal-setting given, all levels of experience are welcome. 6 weeks, $100. Info/res: 530-7559.
Lesbian Uprising! Political Group discusses the politics of eating and fat oppresson: Why do so many of us starve ourselves? What is so unhealthy about being fat? Socializing at 6:30 pm, mtg starts at 7. All women are welcome. Info/location 621-0790.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Holiday Party: Fun starts at 7 pm at Just Rewards, 2520 Camino Diablo, Walnut Creek. $5 suggested donation, come meet other "members of the family" and support the newly formed Lesbian & Gay Employee Association at Chevron. No host bar. Info: 928-7318. See you there!
Native American Update at La Pena Cultural Center: Monthly benefit event spons by the Int'l Indian Treaty Council. 7:30 pm, donation requested. For info call 566-0251.
Matriarchal Past Life Journey: Part of an ongoing series of weekly classes for women. Take a journey on a path that reveals a past life you may have had in a matriarchal culture. Guided meditation for women who have some experience with energy, meditation & grounding. 7:30-9:30 pm, $15-20 SL. Partial work exchange available. Location close to BART. Info: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.
David MacLean in "Quarantine of the Mind" at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/10.
Electric City queer TV show airs tonight in Cupertino, see 12/10 listing for details.

DEC 18 / WED

Forbidden Images Gallery seeks Board members, see 12/11.
CUAV Volunteer Program is expanding, see 12/11 listing for details.
Lesbians with Physical Disability & Chronic Illness therapy group meets Wednesdays, noon-1:45 pm. Spons by Operation Concern. Info/intake: Sandee Henry, MFCC, 626-7000.
Lesbians Over 60 Support Group meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bring a brown bag lunch. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
20 Dunstant Terrace TV program airs 4:30-5 pm on CityVisions cable channel 25 in SF. Program: A "Christmas-like Special" with Max C Wilson, Megan Costello, Miles Norton and the rest of the gang, with a special tribute to Bruce Robinson.
Bi-Friendly UC support group/social at Cafe Bottega, see 12/11 listing for details.
"Men's Only" Weight Watchers Group meets in SF—see 12/11 listing for details.
David MacLean in "Quarantine of the Mind" at Josie's Cabaret, see 12/10 listing for details.
Electric City queer TV show airs tonight in SF, see 12/11 listing for details.
Comedy Night at El Rio with Danny Williams, Marilyn Pittman & Laura Milligan. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

DEC 19 / THU

Respite for Family Caregivers of PWA/HIV: Offered by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. See 12/5 listing for details.
Rainbow's End lesbian/gay/bisexual youth group meets this evening, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.
Project Inform HIV Town Mtg: Project Inform, the AIDS/HIV treatment info & advocacy organization, sponsors a special HIV town meeting tonight, 7-9 pm at the Laurel Heights Auditorium, UCSF, 3333 California St at Presidio, SF. Sub-level 1. Tonight's topic: "Preventive Medicine: Controlling HIV Progression & the Onset of Opportunistic Infections." Presenter: Martin Delany, executive director of Project Inform. Free, public welcome. Info: PI Hotline 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.
Soul Ventures Holiday Mixer: Join Soul Ventures, a social networking/matching service for the Bay Area HIV-positive/PWA community, for an eve of hors d'oeuvres, dessert & entertainment. With special appearances by funnyman Danny Williams, Nurse Bush and Seth Montfort! Beer, wine & soft drinks provided—don't miss! 7-10 pm, $20. Call for info on the "Adopt A Buddy" scholarship program or for a free membership brochure. RSVP by 12/14. Info/res 543-2520.
Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a festive dinner at the Buckeye Roadhouse, Mill Valley's newest gathering spot. 7 pm. Space limited to 14 women, reservations due by 12/14. For info/res call Avril 383-6737.
Queer Options Seminar series continues with "Naming Names," an evening of unrestrained "outing." Participants are invited to toss out the names of famous people of uncertain sexual orientation & present what evidence they have regarding them. In each case, the class will vote on its conclusions. 7-9 pm free. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Room 115. No registration necessary. Info: 255-1042.
Jazz, Dinner & Dancing at ASTA Supper Club with Clairdee—see 12/12.
Rounds Singing for Women Class—see 12/5.
Latin American Music at La Pena: Contemporary & folkloric music with Carlos Briceno y *Toda America.* 7:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 849-2568.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group Card Party: Bring a deck of cards, card-playing accessories & your ideas for a fun night with a group of friendly women! 7:30 pm. MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260. All women are welcome!
Gay Comedy Night at the Other Cafe with comics Maureen Brownsey & Karen Williams. 8 pm, $7. 5800 Shellmound St, Emeryville. Info: 601-4888.
"Fruitcakes on Parade," Global Riot present their holiday season queer comedy show. Part scripted, part improv, totally fabulous. A night of music, big dance numbers, audience gifts & basic queer holiday cheer by SF's only lesbian & gay comedy improv group. 8 pm, $10. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 12/29 at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Benefit for the Eagle Bear Film Project, a film project about AIDS. Entertainment with dj's Tim Luster & Diane, plus live percussion performances. 9 pm, $4-6. El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

GALLERIES

SF Camerawork: Annual Photography Auction, featuring high-quality works by noted photographers. Thru 12/6. Auction date on 12/7 at 1 pm, registration begins at 11 am. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001
Cartoon Art Museum: "Battle Lines: Cartoon Art During WWII," thru 12/28. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-9481.
New Langton Arts: "Butter Wouldn't Melt in My Mouth," a photo/text installation by Nancy Barton & Mike Glass. Exhibit runs 12/17-1/25. Artists' reception 12/17, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.
Robert Dana Gallery: Recent works by Nina Glaser, Pedro Jimenez, and others. Opens 12/5, runs thru 12/23. Hrs: Mon, Tues, Fri & Sat, 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 749-1849.
Circle Gallery: Graphic satire exhibit—works by cartoonists Gahan Wilson, Jules Feiffer, John Fischetti, Lee Lorenz & Arnold Roth. Opens 12/4 & runs thru December. Gahan Wilson present at opening. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat 10 am-6 pm, Sun 12:30-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.
Art Lick Gallery: 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.
ATA Gallery: Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Hrs: Sat 11:30 am-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 824-3890.
Walter/McBean Gallery, SF Art Institute: Faculty Exhibition. Works by selected SFAI faculty on exhibit 12/5-1/18. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm, Thurs until 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.
Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Center: 2868 Mission St, btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 821-1155.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Third World Trade Signs," thru 12/29. "Indonesian Textiles: Heritage in Cloth," thru 12/29. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A,

NIAD Gallery: National Institute of Art & Disabilities Gallery. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

Bomani Gallery: Paintings by acclaimed African American artist Lois Mailou Jones, on exhibit thru 1/3/92. 251 Post St, SF, 6th floor. Hrs: Tues-Fri 11 am-5 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 296-8677.

Vision Gallery: Vintage photographs by pictorialist photographer A Aubrey Bodine. 12/5-1/11, opening reception 12/5, 6-8 pm. 1155 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Pro Arts Gallery: Sculpture by Brian Donahue, mixed media landscapes by David Berg & Canan Tolon. Thru 1/4. Hrs: Wed-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Closed 11/28, 12/25 & 1/1. 461 9th St (off Broadway), Oakland. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Southern Exposure Gallery at Project Artaud: Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. 401 Alabama St at 17th, SF. Info: 863-2141.

Capp Street Project/AVT: "The Airwaves Project," a multi-channel video installation by Shu Lea Cheang. Exhibit runs thru 12/28. Artist conducts public lecture on 12/5 at 7 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 626-7747. 270 14th St, btwn Mission & South Van Ness, SF.

Erika Meyerovich Gallery: "Grisha Bruskin: A Personal Mythology," recent paintings, sculpture, gouaches & prints by Russian artist Grisha Bruskin. Thru 1/31. 231 Grant Ave, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-9997.

Stamp Art Gallery: "Mail Art," the Empty Envelope Mail Art Show. Exhibit of over 70 works received as a result of the call for Mail Art. Thru 12/21. 466 8th St, SF. Info: 252-5975.

Wilcox Gallery: Paintings by Brett Reichman, new work by Tony Labat. Thru 1/4/92. 228 Grant Ave, SF.

Watercolor Paintings by Victoria Whitehand, Ray Jacobsen and Bev Judd at Quicksilver Mine Co Gallery in Guerneville. Thru 1/6/92. Info: (707) 869-9357.

Erotic Sumi Ink Paintings by SF artist Beth Katz, on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru 1/4. 1210 Valencia St, SF. Hrs: noon-6 pm daily, Thurs till 8 pm. Good Vibrations is also open till 8 pm on Saturdays, thru Christmas. Info: 550-7399.

Elizabeth Hack: "Lines & Rhythms," on exhibit at The Informative Edge, 100 Bush St, SF. Ste 845. Thru 12/6. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 392-5544.

"Reserved Seating," drawings & paintings by Michael Ross. On exhibit thru 1/6 at Mind Frame Gallery, 6522 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. Info: (510) 658-8226.

Black & White Photography by JJ Kopanic & Richard Lynch, on exhibit at Cafe Latte, 4 Embarcadero Ctr, SF. Thru year's end. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 8 am-7 pm. Info: 431-4855.

"Women on Women: A Celebration of Our Cultural Diversities," multicultural exhibit of work by women in diverse media. Spons by the Northern Calif Women's Caucus for Art, in conjunction with the Women's Bldg Arts & Crafts Show at Ft Mason. Thru 1/3 at Bayfront Gallery, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. Opening reception 12/7, 1-6 pm.

Abstract Renderings by Lynette Parker. Thru 1/31. Reception 12/5, 7-9 pm. Cafe?, 2885 Diamond St, SF.

Art of the Grateful Dead: Exhibit of paintings, prints, photos, posters, jewelry & sculpture. 12/12-2/28. Reception 12/12, 6-9 pm. Artrock Gallery, 1153 Misson St, SF. Info: 255-7390.

LVA eats out...at the Brick Hut: Exhibit of works by 23 Northern Calif members of Lesbian Visual Artists. Thru 1/5 at Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley. Reception 12/10, 5:30-8:30 pm. No smoking, please wear no scents. WA. Info: 821-2975.

"Faces: Memories of the Future," paintings by Miquel Creus on exhibit at eddie jacks, 1151 Folsom St, SF. 12/9-1/11.

New work, paintings in oil by Bella Laeyendecker & Jeannie Pettigrew, recent graduates of RISD, at Theatre Pomegranate. Thru 12/16. 495 Clementina St, btwn 5 & 6th, SF. Info: 776-2326.

"Califomia as Cornucopia," exhibit of rarely seen historic photographs of early California. On exhibit at California Historical Society, thru 12/27. Opening reception 12/5, 5:30-8 pm. 708 Montgomery St, SF. Info: 567-1848.

Ten Installations on exhibit at Haines Gallery, thru 12/20. Work by Seyed Alavi, Ray Beldner, Gavin Flint, Su-Chen Hung, Gigi Janchang, Lisa Kokin, Chris Komater, Robin Lasser, Charlene Milgrim and Wayne Zebzda. 49 Geary St, SF. Info: 397-8114.

"Masks & Other Works" exhibit of artwork by people living with AIDS/ARC/HIV. On display 12/5-20 in the lobby of Kaiser Medical Center, Oakland. Artists' Panel Discussion & Closing Reception 12/17, 6-9 pm, in the 12th floor conference center. Free. 280 West MacArthur Blvd, corner of Broadway, Oakl. Info: (510) 596-6150.

"Another Perspective..." an eclectic selection of b&w photographs by Jane Hollaway. Opening reception 12/8, noon-5 pm. Exhibit runs thru December at Under Glass Gallery, 123 Townsend St, btwn 2nd & 3rd, SF. Info: 777-0605.

"In a Dream... " a portfolio of photographs on display at San Jose Museum of Art in commemoration of the 3rd Annual Day Without Art. Limited edition of photos recently published by photographers & Friends United Against AIDS, New York City. Includes work by Tina Barney, Sarah Charlesworth, Alfredo Jaar, Frank Majore, McDermott & McGough, Thomas Ruff, Andres Serrano, Lorna Simpson, Jeff Wall, James Welling, Joel-Peter Witkin and Jenny Holzer. Thru 12/31. 110 S. Market, San Jose. Info: (408) 294-2787.

PROJECT EMPOWERMENT

A Weekend Retreat for Gay and Lesbian Educators (K-12)

- Affirm Yourself As A Proud Role Model
- Build Alliances
- Develop Strategies For Change In Your School
- No Pressure To Come Out
- Have Fun-- And Get Tough On Homophobia

New York
January 24-26, 1992
Cost: $75-$150 (Sliding Scale)

San Francisco
January 10-12, 1992
Cost: $75-$150 (Sliding Scale)

San Francisco:
Special School Administrators Retreat
March 6-8, 1992
Cost::$150-$300 (Sliding Scale)

REGISTER EARLY: SPACE LIMITED

Equity Institute, Inc.
6400 Hollis Street, Suite 15
Emeryville, CA 94608
(510) 658-4577
(510) 658-5184 (FAX)

EQUITY INSTITUTE

ON STAGE

Waiting for Godette by Christian Huygen. A haunting, bittersweet comedy about glamour, nail polish & womb envy. Witty, amusing, moving—the kind of play Beckett might have written if he'd been obsessed with gender & nail polish. Didi & Coco are enmeshed in a "pretty-as-possible" game of survival as they wait for a luncheon date with the Mother of All Drag Queens, Miss Godette. Theatre Rhino production. Opens 12/5, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 12/21. 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show: Popular yuletide edition of the nation's longest running musical revue. Thru 12/31. 8 pm Wed & Thurs; 8 & 10:30 pm Fri & Sat; 1 & 3:30 pm Sun. Club Fugazi, 678 Green St, SF. No performance Christmas Day. Tix $17-37. Info/res: 421-4222. Persons under 21 not admitted to evening or Wed matinee performances, minors are welcome to Sun matinee only. ID required.

Jim Bailey, internationally acclaimed illusionist, brings new show to the Plush Room at the York Hotel. 940 Sutter St, SF. Info/tix: 885-6800.

Love Diatribe by Harry Kondoleon. A wickedly funny modern-day fairytale about a suburban family visited by an unusual stranger whose powers include the ability to heal thru love. Magic Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 12/8. Magic Theatre-Southside, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, SF. Tix: $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Fat Men in Skirts by RA White. Play follows the trials of Phyllis, the wife of a Hollywood producer who specializes in futuristic tales involving loveable aliens, and her young son Bishop, plane-wrecked alone on a desert island with nothing to eat but the other passengers. Magic Theatre Northside production. Previews 12/5-7, opens 12/10 at 8:30 pm; runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 1/26 at Magic Theatre-Northside, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-$21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Mother Wove the Morning one-woman show by author/performer Lynn Pearson. Lynn portrays 16 historical women in search of the Mother Goddess, lost across time as men have appropriated & transformed the Diety into a male figure. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 12/28. Zephyr Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $16-19. Info/res: 861-6895.

City of Angels Tony Award-winning musical by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by David Zippel. A glamorous & romantic detective story, filled with intrigue, deception & sensuality, set in 1940's Los Angeles. Barry & Fran Weissler production at Golden Gate Theatre. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, thru 1/5. Tix $42-$20, call 441-0919 or 762-BASS for info. 1 Taylor St at Golden Gate & Market, SF.

Sometimes We Need a Story More Than Food, a solo evening of theater, written & performed by Corey Fischer. Weaves traditional & autobiographical stories into a performance which moves from the remnants of Prague's Jewish quarter to the freeways of LA, celebrating the healing power of storytelling. A Traveling Jewish Theatre production, in association with American Conservatory Theater. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sun matinees at 2 pm, thru 12/22. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St nr Mason, SF. For tix & other info call 749-2228.

Blonde Like You, a work-in-progress one-man show written and performed by Albert Greenberg. Greenberg "resolves the seemingly perplexing question, 'Who am I?' by tumbling effortlessly—like a penguin in an avalanche—from one identity to another." A Traveling Jewish Theatre production, in association with American Conservatory Theater. Fri & Sat, thru 12/21, at 10:30 pm. ACT Playroom, 450 Geary St nr Mason, SF. Tix $7. Info/res: 749-2228.

Angry Housewives by AM Collins & Chad Henry. Popular musical comedy about four financially & emotionally disenfranchised women who form a punk rock group and enter a "battle of the bands" contest at a local underage teen nightclub, singing about what really bugs them—men, kids & breakfast cereal. San Jose Stage Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 12/8 at Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Tix $15 & $18 Thurs & Sun, $17 & $20 Fri & Sat. Info/res: (510) 845-8542.

Inugami (The Dog God) by the late avant-garde Japanese playwright, Shuji Terayama. Tale of a boy whose mother was attacked by wild dogs during her pregnancy. Tragic & unusual events at his birth cause superstitious villagers to think he is possessed with the spirit of the dogs. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, thru 12/15. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. For res & tix info call 621-0507.

Spunk, Obie Award-winning director George C Wolfe's music-and-dance-filled adaptation of short stories by Zora Neale Hurston. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinee on 12/7 at 2 pm, Thurs matinee on 12/19 at 2 pm; thru 12/21. Tix: Tues-Thurs & Sun $23, Fri & Sat $29, matinees $21. 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 845-4700.

Say It With Music, Michael Feinstein & Rosemary Clooney combine their talents in a concert run at the Curran Theatre, SF. Preview 12/10, opens 12/11, runs Tues-Sat with Sun matinees thru 1/5. For showtimes, tix & other info call 762-BASS or 441-0919.

Private Lives by Noel Coward. Coward's classic opens at the Curran Theatre, starring Joan Collins. Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm. Thru 12/8. 445 Geary St, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

Small Craft Warnings by Tennessee Williams. Play about eight "vulnerable human vessels" who seek refuge in a Southern California beach town bar. Jean Shelton Actors Lab production. Runs thru 12/22, Fri-Sun at 8 pm, $6. 533 Sutter St at Powell, SF. Info/res: 255-4835.

Reno in Eno Once Removed: Eureka Theatre production features NY's comically wild & wildly acclaimed feminist performance artist. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 8 & 10:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm thru 12/8. Tix: $17 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $20 Fri & Sat. 2730 16th St at Harrison, SF. Info/res: 558-9898.

Taking Steps by Alan Ayckbourn. Rollicking marathon of mistaken identities, musical beds & unwitting intimacies. ACT production. Previews 12/5-7, opens 12/7 at 8 pm, runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm; 2 pm matinee on Wed & Sat, 3 pm matinee on Sun; thru 1/25. Tix: $10-$22 previews; $10-$26 wknights; $11-$33 wkends. Stage Door Theater, 420 Mason St at Geary, SF. Info/res: 762-BASS.

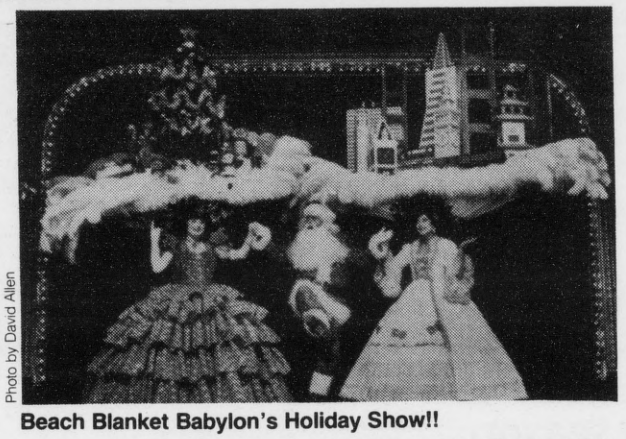


Photo by David Allen

Beach Blanket Babylon's Holiday Show!!

Love & Anger by George F Walker. This comic attack on power & its abuses pits the "reborn" attorney Petie Maxwell against the powerful publisher of a "fascist rag." Actors Theatre production. Previews 1/10-12, 14-16 at 8 pm, $6. Opening night gala 1/17 at 8 pm, $30; play runs Thurs-Sun thru 3/8 at 8 pm, $12. 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Chamber Music by Arthur Kopit. Set in an asylum, 8 women live out their fantasy world of power & revenge against an unseen enemy. Sangre World Fusion Theatre Ensemble production. Previews 12/5 & 6, opens 12/7; runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 12/22. 21 Bernice, btwn 12th & 13th, at Folsom, SF. Tix $7 previews, $11 opening night, $7 Thurs, $10 Fri, Sat & Sun. Info/res: 863-5946.

Zetta by Zishan Evans. Musical play set in the 1960's about a young girl caught in a racial identity conflict while searching for her personal identity. A Zishan Community Playhouse production. Play runs Fri-Sun, 12/13-22 at On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway at Montgomery, SF. 8 pm. Info/res: 398-1541.

Drums in the Night by Bertolt Brecht. Comedy/melodrama in which the past & present collide in a jaundiced romp thru the streets of Berlin, circa 1919. New College of Calif production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 12/11-15. Tix $7. Valencia Theater, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-0884, ext 213.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, adapted & written for the stage by Laird Williamson & Dennis Powers. ACT's annual staging of the holiday classic. Runs 12/6-26 at the Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St, SF. Preview 12/6, play runs at 8 pm on 12/6-7, 11-14, 18-21, 23 & 26; 2 pm on 12/7, 14, 18 & 21; 3 pm on 12/8, 15 & 22; 7 pm on 12/22 and 1 pm on 12/24. Tix $10-$33. For info/res: 762-BASS.

A Bologna Christmas: The sometimes-annual production by Fratelli Bologna returns to Life on the Water. A charmingly blasphemous yuletide tale about the hilarious, hyper-typical American family, the Webers, as they prepare their familiar yet bizarre Christmas rituals. Preview 12/5 at 8 pm; play runs 12/6-12/29, Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. No performance on Christmas Day, 12/25. Life on the Water Theater, Ft Mason Center Bldg B, SF. Tix $12-$20. Preview tix $8. Info/res: 776-8999.

Black Nativity by Langston Hughes. The Allen Temple Cantateers celebrate the 10th anniversary of their annual presentation of Hughes' song play, a retelling of the story of the birth of Christ, thru stirring gospel songs, traditional carols & dance; joined with a recreation of a 1940's revival meeting. Play opens 12/6 at 8 pm; runs 12/13 at 8 pm, 12/14 at 2:30 & 8 pm; 12/15 at 6 pm. 12/6 performance at the Richmond Auditorium, 26th & Nevin Ave, Richmond. All other performances at Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10th & Fallon Sts, Oakl. Tix $15 gen'l, $8 srs & youth (12-21), $6 kids (4-11). Tix: (510) 444-8875, (510) 638-8291, (510) 843-7282, and at BASS.

The 1940s Radio Hour by Walton Jones. Heartwarming holiday musical. A harried radio producer does his best to keep his show together during Christmas, 1942, with a colorful cast & spicy renditions of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "I'll Be Seeing You." San Jose Repertory production. Previews 12/8-12, opens 12/13, runs Tues-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5 & 9 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 1/5. Tix $16-$31. Info/res: (408) 291-2255. Montgomery Theater, downtown San Jose, corner of Market & West San Carlos St.

She Loves Me, a festive romantic musical comedy by Jerry Bock, Sheldon Harnick, and Joe Masteroff. Set in the 1930s, the story revolves around two penpals who are very much in love thru the mail, but don't realize that they work together in the same parfumerie & cannot abide each other in person. Hillbarn Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 12/21, with Thurs evening performance on 12/5, and Sun matinees on 12/8 & 15 at 2 pm. Tix $14 gen'l, $11 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 349-6411.

Private Eye, a combination of live performance, film, video, masks, puppets & sound by Nightletter Theater. A woman visits a detective because she thinks she is being followed, and because there are things submerged in her memory that frighten her. Runs thru 12/8. 8 pm, $12. Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 841-7808.

The Sea Gull by Anton Chekhov. Chekhov's serio-comic drama of Russian country life. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun thru 12/15. $13 Fri & Sat, gen'l; $11 stdnts & srs. All Sun performances are $10. 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Maranatha
Metropolitan Community Church

REV. MICHAEL ENGLAND, INTERIM PASTOR

Join Us For The Holidays!

Sunday Worship: 6 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 8:30 PM

100 Hacienda (at Hathaway—near A Street)
San Lorenzo, CA (510) 481-9720

San Francisco Dignity

A Faith Community of
Gay & Lesbian Catholics
Our Friends & Families

Sunday Liturgy 5:30 pm

Dolores Street Church
208 Dolores at 15th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415-255-9244

OAKLAND AUTO WORKS

Come and see how we are different.
A place where children are welcome.

HONDA . TOYOTA
MAZDA . NISSAN

819 Randwick Avenue off Piedmont
Oakland, CA 94611
510 . 452 . 0182

COWDEN AUTOMOTIVE
CA
FOREIGN CAR REPAIR

875 FOLSOM STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
415 777-9858
Member of GGBA

SUBARU • TOYOTA • NISSAN • MAZDA • VW • HONDA
• Complete Domestic & Foreign Car Service & Repair
• Tires • Alignments • Brakes • Shocks • Suspension
Mon-Fri 7:30-5:30 • Call for Appointment
AUTO motion
550-2400
Woman Owned Business
185 BAYSHORE (NEAR ARMY)

Magic of Persia

Importers of Antique, Tribal and Village Rugs

Kelims
Prayer Rugs
Pillows (from $15)

♦♦Holiday Sale♦♦
15% OFF!
Nov. 24-Dec. 24

SERVICES
- ♦ Hand Washing
- ♦ Restoration
- ♦ Blocking
- ♦ Appraisals
- ♦ Padding for Hardwood Floors

Magic of Persia
3775 24th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 282-6109

---

off your dot

Transport yourself to a very civilized sort of paradise.

(415) 252-5642
2241 Market St., S.F.

Sun-Tue 12-7
Wed-Sat 12-9

"A cliche-free collection of furniture, art, and gifts."

MONTEREY FIRESIDE LODGE

$119
2 People ■ 2 night package

Includes: 2 Aquarium Tickets
or Lunch for 2 on Cannery Row

Room features: ■ Fireplace
■ Wetbar
■ Continental Breakfast

1-408-373-4172 ext. BT

Offer available Sunday-Friday. Subject to availability. May not be available Holidays & Special Events. Offer expires 6/92. Saturday rates slightly higher. One night packages available.

SHOP TILL YOU DROP

SAN FRANCISCO **Bay Tim**

AND SUPPORT COMMU

INCREDIBLE FANTASTIC BEAUTIFUL GIFTS

A NEW LEAF
The Recovery Resource
Books, Tapes & More

Over 1200 book titles on personal growth and recovery.

We have 1992 Goddess Calendars.

Putting **Happy** back in **Happy Holidays**
Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30
Free event with Gordon Clay

545 Magnolia • Larkspur • 415.924.8970

This holiday season we're waiting up for you.

Forget neckties! Our vibrators, dildos, videos and books will keep your (and their) bells jingling all winter long.
12 - 6, 7 days a week, open till 8pm on Thursday and Saturday (through Dec. 21) **Good Vibrations**
1210 Valencia Street (at 23rd), San Francisco ✆ 550-7399

Good Vibrations

Romanovsky & Phillips
Be Political Not Polite

R&P's best and most provocative album to date contains songs of love, anger, politics and hope. This musically diverse album is both a homecoming and a coming-of-age for R&P. With John Bucchino's phenomenal talents as a keyboard/arranger and our vocal harmonies, we've created a sound that is true to R&P, powerfully compelling and loads of fun! We've enlisted the help of a few friends – Holly Near, Alix Dobkin, Phranc and Michael Callen (of The Flirtations) – to sing back-up vocals on several songs. **(CD=$16 Cassette=$12)**

Romanovsky & Phillips have grown over the past decade. *Be Political Not Polite* showcases their lyrical boldness, satirical wit and musical maturity beautifully...**The Washington Blade**

It's clear that while they have kept their humor, they are also exploring the more somber and more angry places in people's hearts. They do so with power and depth...**Gay Community News/Boston**

The Songs of Romanovsky & Phillips, Volume 1

We're thrilled to announce the release of our first songbook. Three years in the making, this book contains all the original words and music to our first three albums, *I Thought You'd Be Taller!*, *Trouble in Paradise*, and *Emotional Rollercoaster*, plus several unrecorded songs. Even if you don't read music, there's plenty to look at: interviews, reviews and never-before-published photos spanning R&P's illustrious career as Professional Homosexuals from 1982-1990 **($20)**

To order by phone, call **1-800-47-FRUIT (1-800-473-7848)** and use your VISA or Mastercard or by mail to **Fresh Fruit Records**, 369 Montezuma #209, Santa Fe, NM 87501. All orders are shipped within 48 hours of receipt.

Come out and celebrate the release of *Be Political Not Polite* on Wednesday, December 11th at The Great American Music Hall

---

MY BEST FRIEND

PET SUPPLIES ▼ DISCOUNT FOODS

We feature quality premium pet foods, including ANF; Avo-Derm; Breeders Choice; iams; Natures Recipe; Science Diet; Triumph; plus a full line of supplies.

4455 18TH STREET
(AT DOUGLASS ST)
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
TEL: 415 / 864-0661

20% OFF All Flea Products & 10% OFF Any Food with this ad!

Monday through Friday, 10am-7pm / Saturday, 10am-6pm / Sunday, 12-5pm

---

FAVORITE PICTURE?

ORDER BY DEC. 21 to RECEIVE BY CHRISTMAS

ONLY $12.95

Let us put your favorite color photo on a mug!

GREAT GIFT FOR: • Holidays • Friends/Lovers • Anniversaries • Birthdays • Housewarmings • For Yourself

You simply supply your COLOR photo (returnable) and we do the rest.

If you've got the photo, we've got the CUSTOMUG! ™

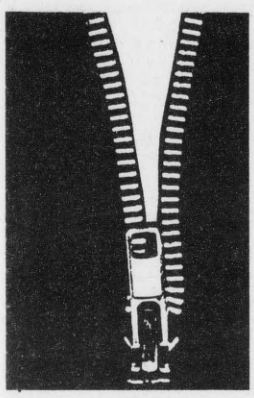
Name _____
Addr _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Mail this form with your check or money order to:
THE MUG RACK™
P.O. Box 14286, SF, CA 94114
For additional forms call:**1-800-794-MUGS (6847)**

Number of mugs? x $12.95 $ _____
Add 8.25% sales tax $ _____
$3.00 per mug for shipping $ _____
TOTAL $ _____

Our premium white, ceramic, 11 oz. mugs are microwaveable and dishwasher safe.

MMUNITY BUSINESS!



A Store for All Sexual Styles

STORMYLEATHER

The Best in Leather & Latex Toys and Clothing for Fetish, Fashion and Function

1158 Howard (between 7th & 8th) San Francisco, CA 94103
415.626.1672
Hours: Tues-Sun 12-6 Fri 12-7

Great Holiday Gifts
at

ADIFFERENTLIGHT

489 Castro St., San Francisco, (415) 431-0891

Gay *and* ***Lesbian*** *Fiction & Non-Fiction. Bestsellers. Biography. Mystery. Science Fiction. Memoirs. Art Books. Photography Books. Erotica. Books for Young Adults.* ***Gift Certificates.*** *Gay and Lesbian Classics. Books on Self-Help, Recovery, Feminism, Politics, Coming Out.* ***1992 Calendars*** *for Men, for Women, for General Interest. Tee-Shirts. Feature and Erotic Videos. Recordings. Greeting Cards.* ***Christmas Cards.*** *Special Gift Books. Travel Books. Literary Criticism. Our Magazines and Community Newspapers from All Across America, and* ***More.***

SUPPORT WOMEN'S BUSINESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Old Wives' Tales Events

Thurs, 12/5, 8pm: Robbi Sommers, author of the lesbian erotic novels *Players* and *Pleasures*, reads from her new book ***Kiss 'N' Tell***. Steamy, hot, provocative!

Sat, 12/7, 2-4pm: Attention Girljocks! Basketball star **Nancy Lieberman-Cline** will be signing her new book ***Lady Magic: The Autobiography of Nancy Lieberman-Cline*** for two hours only. Don't miss it!

Sun, 12/8, 11am-1pm: Free Mini-Massage at Old Wives' Tales, provided by Dusa Althea Rammessirsingh, Certified Massage Therapist. Relax *and* shop for holiday gifts, all at the same place!

Thurs, 12/12, 8pm: Amy Oleson will read from ***Love & Memory,*** a lesbian romance about a woman juggling and integrating all the parts of her life—work, play, friends, lovers—whether she wants to or not!

EXTENDED HOURS IN DECEMBER:
Mon-Fri 11-8 (Thurs 'til 9); Sat/Sun 11-7

Old Wives' Tales Bookstore • 1009 Valencia at 21st St • SF • 821-4675
ALL EVENTS $3-10 TO BENEFIT OLD WIVES' TALES • NO ONE TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF FUNDS

INCREASE YOUR ENERGY!

- Your massage is custom tailored to your needs, combining several methods, and your feedback! • Deep Tissue • Zen Shiatsu
- Jin Shin Do / Accupressure • Swedish / Esalen

A CARING NURTURING PROFESSIONAL **Certified Massage Therapist**
(Hablo espanol) Gift certificates available Holiday Special—$10 discount!
LAURA SANCHEZ (510) 548-6983

YOU DESERVE TO FEEL GREAT

Massage relaxes the body, refreshes the spirit

Special focus on backs and necks

Robert Kokott
CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST

(415) 387-4558
$40/90 MIN.

By Women For Women
Order now for the holidays

Female Focus

Women's Health Care Benefit Calendar

1•9•9•2

Please send ___ Female Focus calendars at $9 each plus $2 shipping/handling per calendar. (outside U.S. $3 each)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Zip _____ Phone _____
Signature _____
Total amount enclosed _____
Make check payable to: Black Iris Productions
P.O. Box 4003 • San Diego • CA. 92164

Twelve sizzling sensual & beautiful black & white photographs of women tastefully presented to benefit women's health care organizations. A great gift!

THE PSYCHEDELIC SHOP

1098 B MARKET ST., SAN FRANCISCO (NEAR 7TH) · (415) 621-0357
ETHNIC THREADS · IMPORTED JEWELRY · TIBETAN ARTIFACTS
HEALING CRYSTALS · GOOD VIBES & MUCH MORE

DISABILITY PLANNERS

- *Protect your assets against catastrophic illness.*
- *Benefits review (LTD, Health, Life)*
- *Social Security disability/Medi-Cal assistance*
- *Pre/post disability planning*

Carol Fiul, M.A. 415/905-5766

Is Uncle Sam your favorite relative?

He can take a lot of your estate in taxes.
Disinherit him with a living trust.
I can help. Call for appointment.

Barbara A. Tetzlaff
Estate Planner • Attorney at Law
2825 Sacramento Street, San Francisco (415) 929-7338

Bonita Ann Palmer, M.D.

General Practice, Women's Health, Health Promotion and Counseling

Member, American Academy of Family Physicians

1580 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 550-7900

Acupuncture & Herbs

Briahn Kelly-Brennan, C.A.

Comprehensive health care using Chinese medicine to regain health, prevent disease, and promote longevity

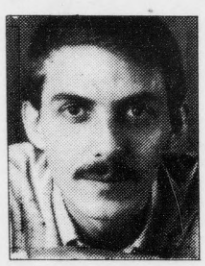
(415) 668-1252

Donald Currie

Licensed Acupuncturist

Herbalist, Hypnotist

(415) 641-7020



I use Swedish/Esalen and Shiatsu bodywork, with a strong and responsive touch. Release tension and support your body's natural capacity to balance its energy.

$40/90 minutes
Tracy Turner (415) 648-0510

MICHAEL LOEB
PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture the Joy

Weddings and Celebrations

■ 415 . 453 8755 ■

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7:30 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Center for Positive Care (HIV Early Intervention Resource Ctr) offers multicultural & multilingual outreach, intake assessment, case management, education & psychosocial support services to newly-diagnosed HIV positive people and people with AIDS. 3180 18th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 476-3644.

California Partner Study/UCSF offers support, education, testing, lab work and physical exams for bisexual men and their female partners. All services are free. Eligible couples must have at least one member who is a person with AIDS/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: 845-2331 or (800) 262-2430.

UCSF Coping Project seeks men who are caregivers to their partners who have AIDS to learn about the stress of caregiving, how caregivers cope with these stresses, and how caregiving affects health & psychological well-being. For info on how you can help call Anne Christopher at the UCSF Coping Project 597-9177.

AIDS Care Study/UCSF seeks to interview men & women who are currently caring for a friend, partner, or family member with AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection. The study looks at the difficulties & rewards of caregiving and assesses the availability & use of services for PWAs & caregivers. Participants are interviewed 3 times over a one-year period and are paid $25 per interview. For details call 476-7732 or 476-7733.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. 7 pm at 1855 Folsom St at 15th,, SF. Room 521. For mtg days & other info contact Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 821-8764.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services of Black & White Men Together/Men of All Colors Together (BAHSES-BWMT/MACT) deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color communities. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Easy Does It Coffeehouse for artists addressing HIV issues. Monthly performance space for poets, songwriters & other performers who are affected or concerned with HIV. Supportive place to try out works in progress, read/perform work by others, or just listen. For date, time & other info call 525-7082 or 621-1701. 134 Church St (across from Safeway), SF. Spons by Shanti & the Calif Arts Council.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV + Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Multiple Loss Support Group spons by Kairos House. 6-wk group meets Mon, 7:30-9 pm. For gay men who have experienced multiple losses during the epidemic. Facilitated by Paul Shearer, LCSW. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Day Group for Caregivers spons by Kairos House: Wed, noon-1:30 pm. 8-wk group for professional & non-professional caregivers. Facilitated by Steve Galper, ACSW. Info/res: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin (510) 273-7331.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay.

Info: (510) 834-8181.
Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.
Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. Call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for an appointment: 291-5454.
AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.
Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.
Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.
JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.
Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.
GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.
Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.
Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.
Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.
The Healing Circle: safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Large group of about 100 meets Thurs eves, 8-10 pm at 60 Brady St, (one block up from Market/Gough), SF. Use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. Info: Bill 864-6638.
Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.
Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.
HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.
Soul Ventures: a social/networking service supporting the Bay Area HIV/PWA community. Includes dating service & social events. For free brochure & other info call 543-2520.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP): a grassroots group centered in the lesbian & gay community. Presents art exhibits, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. For info on current activites contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.
STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.
Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.
Lesbians Living with HIV Concerns: Safe place to meet weekly for ongoing support. Drop-in. Facilitated by Susan B. Foster, MA. 5 pm, Saturdays. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St #201, SF. Info: 565-7667.
African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.
American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.
AIDS-Vision Loss Support Group: ongoing, wkly group open to anyone with AIDS-related sight loss. Focus of group is on how to cope with and adapt to lowered vision while living with HIV. Bi-weekly mtgs, 1-2:30 pm at Rose Resnick Ctr for the Blind & Visually Impaired, 1299 Bush St at Larkin, SF. Transportation available, call 441-1980 for details.
In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.
Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.
Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.
Tai Chi Workout: One hour of slow, simple exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan movements. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Free to HIV+ people. Info: 255-0265.
Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.
GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay male community. Info: 341-0964.
Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
HIV Dual Diagnosis Program offered by Operation Concern, see AIDS Resources for details.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
STOP at SF General Hospital: The Stimulant Treatment Outpatient Program offers help for people with cocaine dependencies. Nonjudgemental treatment includes five-days-a-week group counseling. 12-week commitment required. Program includes the optional use of medication as part of a research project exploring the use of medication to reduce cocaine cravings & use. Call 821-8616 for info. First-time & longterm users are both eligible.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Self-Help Food Group for Women: More depth than Weight Watchers, more commitment than OA. Support to work your way on your food issues. Not a diet group, not an anti-diet group. Info: 826-9423.
Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 776-1457.
Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.
Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: Ongoing self-help group meets weekly in SF & Eastbay. 16-wk commitment required. Info: Jay (510) 547-8439.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous 12-Step meeting meets every Mon at 6:30 pm, Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. 1st door on left.
Fem-Centered Lesbians in Recovery meets monthly for support and fun. Call 863-8651 for location & other info.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

Women's Cancer Resource Center

A place to gather strength and support for women with cancer, their friends, families and health practitioner.

3023 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705 (415) 548-9272

Breast Augmentation Implants
Implications of your decision

SPEAKER:
Jane Zones, Medical sociologist, UCSF

Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 PM

We Need You!!!
Volunteers needed for outreach, publicity, newsletter, direct services and other exciting activities. Support women's health care! Call to volunteer.

Regular Monthly Events: Call for dates and times: Yoga and Relaxation for women with life-threatening and chronic illnesses; Breast Self-Examination; Group discussion with oncology nurse.

Support Groups Currently Taking Place: Call for dates and times: **(Note New Groups)** Lesbians with Cancer *(meets in San Francisco)*; Lesbian Partners/Friends of Lesbians with Cancer; Drop-in for Women with Cancer; African American Women with Cancer; Daytime Drop-in for Women with Cancer; Friends and Family of People with Cancer; Post-Treatment Support.

All services and events are free. (Donations accepted).
Please help keep our space scent-free.

YOUTH RAP GROUPS

YOUNG MEN'S GROUP
Friday Nights
MCC Church in the Castro
150 Eureka Street
7 - 9:00 pm

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP
Monday Nights
The Women's Building
3543 18th Street
7 - 9:00 pm

Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) sponsors social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 23 and under.

LYRIC

Call **252-6059** for more information about LYRIC.

CLOSET SPACE

FOR SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH

A support group for lesbians, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.

Come and discuss topics such as: HIV, homelessness, drugs, sexwork, relationships, sexual identity, family issues, and more.

Ongoing 8 week support group
(4 weeks open/4 weeks closed)
Mondays, 7 pm to 9 pm
217 Church Street (upstairs)
(18th Street Services)

Questions? Contact:
John Wilhite, 864-4376, ext 2042
or Jason Bishop, 749-2138

Sponsored by
18th Street Services, SF AIDS Foundation,
Hospitality House Youth Department

Ready to quit? Call us.

The Last Drag

A STOP SMOKING PROGRAM FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

Absolutely Free!

565-7676

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services
1748 Market Street, Suite 201
San Francisco, CA 94102

Produced for the Tobacco Control Project, Bureau of Health Promotion and Education, San Francisco Department of Public Health; paid for by Proposition 99, the 1988 Tobacco Tax Initiative, under Contract 89-97927

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

SF Film Society 1992 Golden Gate Awards Competition Call for Entries: Internationally recognized competition, one of the most prestigious of its kind in the US, presents awards in 4 divisions—film, video, television, Bay Area filmmakers, and new visions. Deadline: 12/6. Info: 567-4641 or fax 921-5032.

Good Vibrations Vibrator Store & Museum calls for "My First Vibrator" stories. 250 word limit, detailing either first time or any particularly noteworthy vibrator experiences; for an anthology to be published to commemorate Good Vibration's 15th anniversary. Send work SASE to 15th Anniversary, Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, SF. Call 550-7399 for more info. Deadline: 12/15.

Special Cartoon Issue of *Lesbian Contradiction, A Journal of Irreverent Feminism,* seeks submissions. Work must be done in black ink, not pencil, and must not have been published elsewhere previously. For Contributors' Guidelines and other info write to Lesbian Contradiction, 584 Castro St #263, SF CA 94114. Deadline: 1/15.

Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award: Pat Bond, beloved lesbian actress/comedian wh brough to life Gertrude Stein & Lorena Hickok, died Christmas Eve, 1990. The Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award has been established to honor older lesbians. Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) and the Pat Bond Committee seeks nominations of lesbians over 60 whose contributions to the community have not been sufficiently acknowledged. Nominees must also live in SF, Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, Sonoma, San Mateo or Santa Clara county; and be "out" lesbians, age 60 or over. Three $200 awards will be given. For forms/info write GLOE, 1853 Market St, SF 94103 or call Pat Durham, 626-7000. Deadline: 1/15/92.

Lesbian Fiction Contest: 2nd Annual Spinsters Book Company contest. $1000 prize. Quality, well-crafted fiction focusing on the lives of lesbians sought. Submissions must be postmarked no earlier than 1/2 and no later than 2/28. For contest rules write to: Spinsters Book Co, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141. No phone calls.

Sex Cabaret: David Steinberg & Mark I. Chester, artists interested in sexual art, seek submissions & proposals of art that hits the crossroads of sex, art and theater for an evening series of pansexual multidisciplinary art including readings, prose, poetry, theater, performance art and sex-related slideshows of artwork. Info: Mark 621-6294 or write POB 422501, SF 94142.

► FUN & GAMES

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Haas-Lilienthal House Tours: noon-3:15 pm Wed, 11 am-4:15 pm Sun. Docent-led tours. The House has stood on Franklin Street since 1886. $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12 & under. Info: 441-3004.

Lesbian Games Group: monthly-ish chem-free games group meets for Pictionary, Perquacky, Outburst, Boggle & more. Info/location: 526-2924.

► HEALTH

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV, fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

► HOBBIES

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 255-7809.

Women's Reading Group for Women Over 40: Meet to read feminist novels, poetry, etc. SF location. Info: Alana 824-6169.

Eastbay Women's Reading Group: Small, informal group meets 3rd Wed of each month. Call 654-7435 for info/location.

Women, Books & Brunch Group: Meets once a month for brunch—come eat good food, meet new women, discuss books by your favorite women authors. Alternating SF & Eastbay locations. Info: Jennifer 673-6574 or Karen 841-6553.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.

Sacred Circle Dance for the lesbian/gay community & friends. Folk dancing with emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. Ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world taught. Beginners welcome! Every 2nd & 4th Wed of the month at SF Dance Theater, 60 Brady, at Market & Gough, SF. 8-10 pm. Info: Laura or Howard 359-0207.

Gay & Lesbian Int'l Folk Dance group meets every Tues in SF's Castro District. Line dances, no partners needed. Beginners welcome! 7:30-8 pm teaching, 8-9:30 pm dancing. Info/location: Jim 585-9487.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Girl's Night Out: Country Western Dancing Group meets Fridays for a night of "free popcorn, foxy females, and fabulous fun" at The Corral, 2140 Market St, SF. 9:30 pm. Call (510) 849-1801 for more info.

Classical Music Lovers Group: Listen with others to your favorite CDs, tapes or records. Monthly or bi-weekly mtgs with occasional potlucks. Women & men welcome. Info/location: Ed 922-7108.

Beam-In: The Bay Area Gay Trekkies & Science Fiction Group meets on the 4th Fri of each month at 8 pm for potluck & discussions. All Federation members (male/female) are welcome. Leave name/number at 773-9389 or write Beam-In, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly for exchange of ideas, information & research leads. Group interests vary from the Azores to Mayflower lineage. All are welcome, from beginners to professionals. Mtgs on the 3rd Sat of each month at 1 pm. For info/location: Larry Burnett 647-0637.

Sheep's Clothing: Informal group of women knitters meet fortnightly in SF to discuss everything from wool to world events over knitting, in the best Ladies' Sewing Circle and Terrorist Society tradition. Info: Gretchen 647-2017.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

Looking for a Job? The Public Interest Employment Service publishes a twice monthly Public Interest Employment Report which lists paid jobs available in progressive nonprofit organizations. The Employment Service is coordinated by a lesbian, and includes info about jobs at a number of lesbian/gay/bisexual/AIDS/HIV-focused organizations. For more info on the Employment Service or to subscribe to the Report, call 565-4695. Services are free to employers.

Disabled Job Seekers Services at Rose Resnick Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Employment counseling (focused on interview & self-marketing skills, resume & application writing) and job search support group offered. For details call Linda Greenberg 441-1980.

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 864-7233.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacific Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call (510) 841-6224.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No. Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 252-2500.

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, proper procedures, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a fair housing agency in Alameda, offers services to Alameda residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees (contact the Rental Assistance Program, (510) 836-4826 in northern Alameda county, (510) 581-9380 in southern Alameda county), homeseeking program (call (510) 836-4826 countywide).

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Telefaery: Events Line of the Radical Faeries—Call 626-3369 for upcoming events & other info.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 333 Valencia St, Ste 222, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Lesbian Partners of Sexual Abuse Survivors: 12-Step Group. Thurs 7:30-8:45 pm at Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez St, SF.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Photo by Craig Schwartz

Jeff McCarthy is Detective Stone in "City of Angels"—OnStage has details.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have been in a battering relationship, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Info: Rene 863-3315 or Christina 346-0267.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a support group for lesbians who have been emotionally, sexually and/or physically abused by their partners. Free. Call 593-8622 for info.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke (510) 562-1574, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamaker, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Thom Bean, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color, focus group of Queer Nation. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call

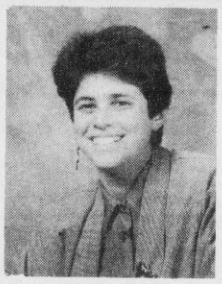
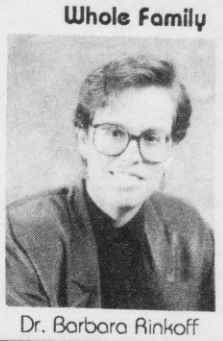
849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) meet to network, socialize, do political work, educate, have fun. Info: Midgett 648-3658.
Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A grassroots social & community action organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-6 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sat of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Chinese Gay Group meets for monthly potluck and/or varied activities. Also social group for singles. Info: 221-4944.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Nancy 864-8812 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch group meets every 4th Sunday 10am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. For details call 482-0787 or 255-7560.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP), a grassroots group centered in the gay & lesbian community. Presents art exhibitions, performances & public symposiums centering on the theme of art as a healing resource during the AIDS crisis. See AIDS Resources for details.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & June. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Ann Krinitsky. Info: (510) 428-1350.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble welcomes instrumentalists of every type & ability for fun & creative musical experiences. Join a musically versatile group dedicated to the growth of our members & the community we serve. Rehearsals in the Eastbay. Info: (510) 638-7399.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: Pat Parr 621-3088.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.
Jazz Matriarchy: Networking organization for women jazz improvisers in the Bay Area. Call 647-9544 for more info.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Queer Guitar Players: Group of women & men of all styles & levels who get together for musical exchange & fun. Banjo players welcome. Info: Paul 826-0801.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: Direct action group of queers fighting for our queer rights *now*. Open to all sexual orientations & gender identities. Meets Wed, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Guerrero, SF. For info on mtgs, emergency activations & future actions call 985-7141.
LABIA (Lesbians & Biwomyn in Action)—focus group of Queer Nation. Lesbian & biwomyn interested in raising consciousness & visibility of lesbian & bisexual issues within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action & education. Multicultural group. Info: 985-7141.
United Colors of Queer Nation: direct action group for queers of color, a focus group of Queer Nation. See People of Color listings for more info.
Queer Nation East Bay works to promote lesbian, gay & bisexual visibility and acceptance throughout the East Bay. For mtg time/location & for upcoming actions, call (510) 464-3072.
Queer Planet: an int'l political group working to promote queer culture worldwide. Come discuss areas of focus, fundraising & structure, as well as exchange views & information. Every 2nd Sun of the month, 4 pm at Cafe Flore, Market & Noe Sts, SF. Info: 985-7141.
The Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission works to focus world opinion on the oppression of gays & lesbians throughout the world. 540 Castro St, SF 94114. Call 255-8680 for info.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call (510) 644-1753.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588, 861-4893 (fax) or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114. Gen'l mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
UBIQUITOUS (Uppity Bi Queers United In Their Overtly Unconventional Sexuality): A group of bisexual queers dedicated to promoting bi visibility & understanding within the queer community, working together with lesbian & gay activists in the fight against heterosexism & building a bisexual community. Call Adam 861-7520 or Chrstine 861-0305 for mtg times/places.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group: A national political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals and gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organizatign. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Int'l Wages for Housework Campaign, Int'l Black Women for Wages for Housework, Wages Due Lesbians, and the US PROStitutes Collective: To connect with these groups, write PO Box 14512, SF 94114 or call 558-9628.
White Lesbians Against Racism: Group provides a peer education forum to confront racial stereotypes & racism in ourselves & in the white community. Group creates space for developing a white racial identity; challenges racial stereotypes thru self-education; makes connections btwn racism, homophobia, classism, sexism & anti-semitism. Info:

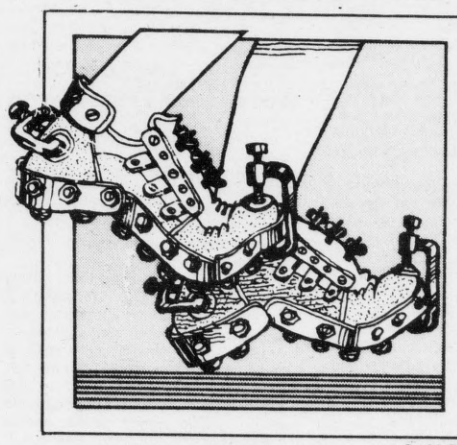
ChiroMedica
Chiropractic Clinic

Dr. Ellen Murland
Gentle, Effective, Personalized Treatment:
• Chiropractic Adjustments
• Massage Therapy
• Nutritional Evaluation
Complete Care for the Whole Family

Dr. Barbara Rinkoff
567-2225
1700 Union Street (at Gough)
San Francisco, CA 94123
We Specialize in Treating:
• BACK PAIN • NECK/SHOULDER PAIN
• HEADACHES • LEG PAIN (SCIATICA)
Unsure if chiropractic care can help you? Call for a complimentary consultation!

GLENVIEW KEY & LOCK
• Residential & business locks serviced
• Foreign & domestic auto locks repaired
• Baldwin & Schlage our specialty
Woman Owned & Gay Operated
530-6141
4195 Park Blvd. Oakland
Bonded & insured PL-PD
Cont. Lic. 453533

Call Pat Fincher and compare.
Maybe I can save you some money on top-quality protection, whatever your insurance needs.
Allstate
See or Call:
Patricia Fincher
801 Lincoln Way, Suite A,
San Francisco (415) 665-7700
Allstate Insurance Companies.
Allstate Life Insurance Company.

LISA CAPALDINI MD
INTERNAL MEDICINE
GENERAL ADULT CARE FOR WOMEN AND MEN
EVENING HOURS AVAILABLE
533 CASTRO (AT 18TH ST)
SAN FRANCISCO 94114
861-3366

DENTIST
DR. ROSE SATTERFIELD
Open Saturday & evenings
864-5631
4200 18th St., Suite 202
corner Collingwood (near Castro)
San Francisco 94114
insurance accepted
wheelchair accessible
Cosmetic & General Dentistry
Bonding, Bleaching
Porcelain Veneers


OUCH.
Even the finest footwear can feel like hardware if your feet are in need of medical attention.
When your feet feel good, all of you feels good. So give them the professional attention they deserve.
Arlene F. Hoffman, DPM, PhD
Podiatric Medicine, Sports Medicine, Foot Surgery
2300 California (at Webster) • SF • 346-2400 • WA

Yvette 584-5979.
Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bi-monthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
GAYLESTA, organization of gay, lesbian & bisxual psychotherapists. Professional networking, internal & external education, and social events. Info: Don (510) 339-8077.
Therapists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds Bay Area lesbian women psychotherapists' potluck on the first Sat of each month, 11-1 pm. Also professional networking, member presentations, socializing. Info: Maris Smith (408) 629-6890.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 861-8718.
Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers (G/LOV): Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) is the largest & most active social group for gay men in the Bay Area, sponsoring over 150 events a year, ranging from community service to sports to educational programs. Info: MAX, 564 Mission St #127, SF 94105.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. Meets Wed eves, UC Berkeley campus. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm 1st & 3rd Mon of each month, upstairs at the Bison Brewing Co, 2598 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley, for food, drink & conversation. Bisexuals & all bi-friendly people are welcome. Info: Susan (510) 524-0574.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz (510) 857-1044.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info call (510) 656-1383.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.
Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: (510) 832-6510.
Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Eastbay Lesbian Couples Social Group: Meet new couples for potlucks, movies, games, walks, or other mutual interests. Info: (510) 486-0615 or (510) 655-8542.
Couples of SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay couples & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call 929-8402 or 626-6561.
Lesbian Lunch Brunch: A clean & sober, nonsmoking social club for single lesbians working in the financial district. Wkly luncheons to connect with other women in recovery. Info: 252-0657.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.
CASA (Community Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.
Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.
Chinese gay group meets for potlucks & other varied activities, see People of Color.
Zebra Brigade Social Group for Black & white lesbian couples meets 3rd Sat of each month, alternating btwn SF & Eastbay locations. Call Anita or Lorrie 641-5980.
Soul Ventures social group for the Bay Area HIV + /PWA community, see AIDS Resources for details.
Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.
Russian Group: Ruscophiles with a sincere desire to speak Russian meet for social Russian conversation & potluck on the 2nd Fri of each month, at 8 pm. Leave name & number at 773-9389 or write SF Ruscophiles, 151 Castro St #151, SF 94114-2588 for location & other details. All levels welcome.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
Now We've Got The Time: social group for gay men with HIV, see AIDS Resources for info.
Brainy-Artsy Gals: Group for women interested in the arts. Art salons & monthly social gatherings. Info: 824-4401.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Jewish Lesbians & Bisexuals & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, SF & EB locations. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 647-7209.
Feminist Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moons to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Also networking & classes. Info: Lupa 751-8918.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Crossroads: Wkly women's ritual & drumming circle with pagan/political focus. Artwork, trance, journeys, singing, music, etc. Previous magical experience preferred. Wed eve mtgs at the Crossroads in Berkeley. Info: (510) (510) 763-5999.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry: Voice & Vision—ministry of advocacy, affirmation & spiritual care. Programs include individual & couples counseling, holy unions, support groups, a ritual group for lesbians, workshops & more. Info: Jeff, Ruth or Phyllis at 553-4026.
Creating Our Sacred Space: monthly spirituality gathering for lesbians exploring feminist spiritual perspectives which honor women's bodies & experiences. Spons by Voice & Vision: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry. Info: Phyllis or Ruth 553-4026.
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship with us. Church has a coordinator for lesbian & gay concerns, and is active in peace and justice, environmental, community action and global concerns; and AIDS ministries. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF: Local chapter of a national organization. EC-SF is a Bible/Christ-centered ecumenical (non-denominational) fellowship & prayer support group for lesbians, gays & non-gay Christians. Group believes that sexual orientation is a gift from God, and seeks to support gay & lesbian persons in the integration of their sexuality & their spirituality. Group spons bible study, healing prayer group, annual retreat & monthly social activities. For info write: EC-SF, PO Box 14052, SF

Glen Meadmore at Klubstitute!! See Dec. 7 for info.

94114-0052.
Showers of Blessing Full Gospel Cathedral: A pentecostal church for gays & lesbians. 2 pm Sun mtgs. For info/location: Bishop Tony R. White 771-5872.
Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.
Prince of Peace Community Church of San Jose meets 10:30 am at DeFrank Community Ctr, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.
Agape Christian Fellowship: Group for lesbian & gay charismatics/pentecostals, promoting spiritual, mental, physical & spiritual wholeness. Meetings: Bible Study Thurs at 7:30 pm, Sunday services at 6:30 pm. Info/location: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or write PO Box 192446, SF 94119-2446.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.
GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.
Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.
Peace United Church: Creative Christian community, politically aware, justice-oriented. 50 percent women ministers. Lesbian, gay & straight families are welcome. 5 pm Sundays, Oakland Avenue at Monte Vista in Oaklands. Call (510) 486-0625 for more info.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study grou meets every Wed eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes relational (2-person) meditation, reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: (510) 621-2556.
Gay Clergy Support Group: For gay religious & clergy in the Bay Area. Info: Brother Jonathan 584-1034 8-10 am, or pm.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Tues at 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg, Market St & Embarcadero, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 9 am at various locations (see Main Calendar), followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Marie 921-3697.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners Club for Southbay runners. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto. Info: Linda (408) 245-5083 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 285-1260 eves.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5 monthly calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
SAGA North: Gay & Lesbian Alpine Ski Club. Ski trips & social activities. Call 995-2772.
Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists (PAWMA) promotes martial arts trainig for women. Dedicated to improving the physical, mental & spiritual development of women martial artists in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Supports access to schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances, training camps & more. Info: (510) 664-7034 or write: PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley, CA 94701-12861.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Sea Snakes: SF's Gay Scuba Club. Monthly mtgs. Dive trips to Monterey, scuba certification classes, social events & exotic dive trips. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Team. All ability levels welcome to attend 4 weekly coached workouts. Sun 10-11:45 am at King Pool, 3rd & Carroll, SF. Mon 7:30-9 pm, Wed 6:15-7:30 pm and Thurs 6:15-8 pm at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner, SF. For info call Marta 241-9632 or Ken 621-2778.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Men's Touch Football Group meets Sat mornings at 10 am in Golden Gate Park, SF. All ages & skill levels are welcome! If you played in high school & miss it, or if you never touched a football before but thought it might be fun to "play with the guys," call John 252-9769 for details.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114.
X-TA-C Gay & Lesbian Cross Country Skiing Club: Sponsors one-day and weekend trips to various locations in Northern Calif. Potluck meetings held montly during ski season. All skiing levels are welcome. For details call 330-5485.
Nordic Fun Bunnies: Lesbian X-Country Ski Group. Day, weekend & midweek trips. All styles & abilties (track, backcountry, etc; from novice to Olympian) are welcome! Info: (510) 601-1910.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.
Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 7-9 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jane 387-0109.
Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.
Side by Side provides peer support groups for bisexual men & women. Safe, confidential, friendly. 7-7:30 pm social, followed by mtg until 9:30, then short social time. Group discusses any issues

brought forth by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome. Sonoma County: Every Thurs night, call Dena (707) 523-2036 or Colin (707) 823-2990. Mendocino County: 2nd Fri of each month in Ukiah, call Colin (707) 823-2990.

Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.

Lesbians Supporting Lesbian S/M in Sonoma County meets 1st Sun of each month. Call M (707) 525-9822 for more info.

Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather; positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: (510) 654-1591 Eastbay.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: Mickey (510) 843-2649, Naja (510) 548-1549, Randa (415) 648-9481.

Lesbian feminist artist support group for lesbians with chronic illness. Meets once or twice a month in SF/Eastbay for discussion, critique, inspiration & support for doing our art despite the limits of our illness. Access to womyn with El a priority. Both chairs & bed available at mtg. 20 stairs to mtg place. No SIGN/ASL interpreter. Info: Naja (510) 548-1549 or Mickey (510) 843-2649.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups

Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Life Direction/Career Change support group for lesbians. Get help, support, encouragement from others on the same path. Non-facilitated, free. Oakland location. Info: Loretta 763-0204.

BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian & Italian American Lesbians). Una famiglia de lesbiche addressing cultural & political concerns of Sicilian & Italian American lesbians, gain awareness of our ethnic identity, resist assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta mix, don't dine alone! Call Rosemary 237-6207 or Janet 654-3531. Newcomers welcome, half-bloods are OK.

Working Class Lesbian discussion, writing, visual arts group. A space for working class lesbians to share experiences of growing up working class, develop strong working class identity, make links between classism and other oppressions. Info: Yvette 584-5979.

MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost, SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.

Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.

Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 1 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Eating Disorder Support Group for men & women recovering from anorexia & bulimia. Call Tommy 750-9569 (leave message) for details

Hot Flashes, support group for premenopausal and post-menopausal lesbians. Call Judith 431-8146 for details.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy", "recovery addiction", "incest/battery therapy" and "discussion/consultation groups".**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.

Grief & Creativity: 10-wk group for women wishing to explore unresolved grief issues. Spons by Children's Hospital of SF & Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. For more info call Martha Russell, LCSW, 750-6160; or Diane Spaugh, MSW, 923-3515.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans in SF at SF Native American Health Clinic, 56 Julian Ave, SF. All-Indian staff, no problem is too large or too small. Info/appt: Dr Lisa Quinn 532-2933.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Call 386-GAYS.

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 1853 Market St nr Guerrero, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: Beth 352-6059.

"Jackson Street," meets weekly, Thurs from 4-5:30 pm. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual, under 22? Looking for a group that's rap & therapy too? Want to talk about how to survive & deal with issues like coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, anxiety about AIDS & other health issues?—if you answered yes to one or all of the above questions, this group's for you! Come find support & help. Group facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Dave Johnson of Ctr for Special Problems. 1700 Jackson St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Franklin St), SF. Co-spons by Lesbian/Gay/Bi Minority Youth Program. Info: Ruth Hughes, 558-4801.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

FORT HELP

A Diverse Collective of Counselors Serving the Bay Area for over 20 Years

- Holiday Distress
- Recovery
- Relationship & Family Difficulties (including gay/lesbian)
- Healing from Incest & Sexual Assault
- Therapy groups begin in January (including lesbian group)

Convenient San Francisco Location
Near Bart & Muni Lines

965 Mission Street
Suite #520
(between 5th and 6th Streets)

546-7779
Leave a message...we'll call you back with respect for confidentiality.

FEE DETERMINED BY INCOME

AN EVENING TO BENEFIT WOMEN LIVING WITH AIDS AND HIV

Proceeds go to WORLD, A newsletter of, by and for HIV+ women

Saturday, December 7th
7:30 pm

WOMEN'S BUILDING
3543 18th St.
near Valencia
(16th St. BART)
San Francisco

FEATURING:
- Panel of Women living with HIV/AIDS
- Altazor - Latin American New Song Music
- Erotic Safe Sex Demonstration by Alane

TICKETS: $5-15 (sliding scale)
Available in East Bay: Mama Bears
San Francisco: Old Wives Tales & A Different Light.

- Childcare provided
- Wheelchair accessible
- Food & Drink
- Raffle
- Community Tables

For more information
call WORLD at: 510 - 658 - 6930

WOMEN'S CANCER RESOURCE CENTER

Give a Gift of Yourself!

Volunteers needed to provide emotional/practical support for low-income women with cancer.

Next training is **Dec 7 & 8, 1991**
at the
Women's Cancer Resource Center
3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley 94705
(one block from BART)

Volunteers should be sensitive to multi-cultural issues, substance abuse, and emotional issues of cancer. Bilingual and women of color encouraged to apply.

Contact **Shoshana** at
(510) 548-9272

Letters...

(continued from page 21)

ing elitist. Many of us are working very hard to dispel this perception of our organization. Our struggle to erase this perception of being separatist women does not allow us to condone actions that we feel would only increase the divisiveness already rampant in our community. The South Bay gay and lesbian community must realize that the last people we should be fighting with or protesting against is ourselves. What we need, as organizations and individuals, is to come together and promote cooperative dialogue with each other. We need to cherish and accept our differences, because they are what make us unique. We need to work together, not separately.

This, then, is what SBBACW stands for. Not separatism, but community. Not elitism, but camaraderie with other organizations and individuals. We chose our position in response to the Club St. John issue to demonstrate that we do not want to contribute to the issues that divide this community. There may be businesses or groups that practice separatism, or that discriminate against others in the community. I contend that, if they do, they will be found out, and their behavior exposed for what it is. What comes to mind in this context are the recent repeated negative pieces of publicity Club St. John has received from several situations involving women. If, in fact, the Club chooses to treat women as second-class citizens, it not only hurts women, but it is destructive to our community. Discrimination between gays and lesbians only weakens us in the face of a greater evil: the fight against irrational homophobic discrimination.

I have tried, in this brief space, to present the reasons behind our rift with St. John, and why we chose not to radically protest our separation. To reiterate: with a lack of concrete evidence of discrimination, it would have been irresponsible. But even more importantly, we did not wish to promote BACW as a separatist organization, or fuel the fires of divisiveness in our community. If a lesson is to be learned from this situation, I hope that it is this: We must actively seek to dialogue with, understand and support each other. Only by working together can we hope to achieve our full potential, both as individuals, and as organizations that serve our community.

I invite any questions or comments regarding this issue or anything pertaining to BACW. Please call our information line at (408) 223-8850 and leave a message, including your name and phone number. I will be glad to return your call.

Laurel Donoho, Chair
South Bay BACW

Thinking about buying a home?

Now's the time!

First time buyers ▪
Creative financing ▪
Partnerships ▪

Hartford Properties

1929 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Merry Winslow
863-7500, Ext. 150

AT
Zellerbach Auditorium UC BERKELEY

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 7
8 PM
TICKETS $15

10th ANNIVERVARY
Whyscrack Tour

KATE CLINTON

Tickets available at the Cal Performances Box Office, Great American Music Hall Box Office & all BASS/TM Centers. CHARGE BY PHONE 762-BASS. In association with Cal Performances.

Kate Clinton is a brilliant political satirist "whose insight and irreverence know no limit." She has been critically acclaimed as "razorsharp," "celebratory," "outrageously earthy," and a monologuist who "has the audience laughing to the point of exhaustion." Don't miss this hysterical evening.

"Everybody's Coming Out"

Gay Dance Night

Every Thursday
Politics 5800 Shellmound
Emeryville

Jammin' Music
State of the Art . Atmosphere
E.C.O. Dancers
9PM-2AM $4

Gay Comedy Show

8PM, $7.

(510) 601-4888
a deborah matthews production

BEAT THIS

BY DON BAIRD

Miss Manners on Drugs

In spite of the great American sobriety craze of the '80s, during which millions traded in their martinis and cocaine for endorphins, group identity and hyper-categorization of anyone who walks the earth, in spite of the slowly fading War On Drugs movement of the Reagan administration and in spite of the current smart drug/virtual reality craze—it has been my observation that lots and lots and lots of people are still doing plenty of drugs all the time.

To those of you heading toward that good old "false sense of well-being" at any time soon, I salute you for exercising that personal freedom. It's a statement that could lead to social ostracism, arrest, loss of employment, judgment on your character, and a rainstorm of wagging fingers and generalized terms like Adult Child of Alcoholic, co-dependent, addict, co-addict, dysfunctional, in denial, etc. Before you know it, someone will offer up "sponsorship."

Never before has the recreational substance enthusiast had so many people so smugly know so much about them so quickly and so much better than they know themselves. When someone tells me they're an alcoholic, I sometimes feel the urge to ask, "Are you sure?" I'd ask the same of a friend who suddenly told me they had become a follower of Rev. Moon or anyone spending their last penny on Lifespring tuition as they go marching down to the Wharf accosting tourists with enthusiastic conversational inanities as foreplay to recruitment and group hug day. Don't get me wrong; addiction programs have saved and helped many lives, but saving someone from deflation of spirit and character and submission to a program can seem just like saving someone from needle addiction at times.

I loathe the fact that if I even know an alcoholic I'm automatically a Co- or an Adult Child or an enabler or driven by a compulsion that makes me addicted to someone who is battling addiction. This attitude is quite prevelant, but I know many sober individuals who maintain a nonjudgmental stance in regard to individuals who can, due to genetics or a blessing from Bacchus or whatever, manage their use of certain substances.

I found a seven-years-sober medallion in the gutter on Haight Street once, and gave it to my favorite sober person as a gift. He jumped from three to ten years of sobriety in an afternoon! I was so proud of him. Another sober pal of mine celebrated her 40th birthday by asking myself and a few hedonist friends to join her in a purposeful escape from the wagon, executed with grace and no ill effects to this date. I've even been a Casual

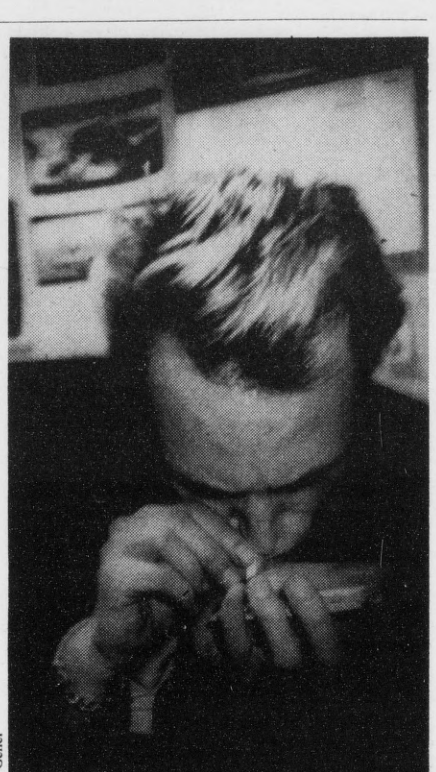


Photo by Marc Geller

User-Identified sponsor for an individual who needed to be rescued from possible Narcotics Anonymous destruction once, and I'm certain I did the right thing.

I know these views I'm expressing are setting me up for attack, exhibiting classic signs of substance abuse. Here I am, beckoning troubled people into the abyss of addiction and denial, where I thrash around with delight in a continually drug-addled state. Well it's not like that. As I said before, lots of people do it, I'm not alone and I don't need to make an example of all casual drug users in existence as a means of justifying my own use.

However, what I do need them to be for me is polite. Now there's an area where a lot of people *do* need some guidance—Drug Etiquette. If people are going to do a myriad of drugs in a variety of social climes, they should bear a few common rules in mind.

#1: If you do drugs, don't lie about it and don't make excuses for indulging; e.g., someone in a nightclub says, "How are you?" You respond, "I'm really high," or "I've been up for three days." It's easy!

#2: Don't blame your indulgences on your friends; e.g., your roommates ask you, "Why are you noisily cleaning the kitchen at 4 am?" or your boyfriend asks, "Why are you nattering on and on to me when I'm trying to sleep?" Don't say, "My friends made me do a line of speed and now I'm wide awake." Why make people hate your friends if they are nice enough to give you drugs? Take full responsibility.

#3: Never jeopardize your own or your friends' employment with sloppy drug transactions at the workplace; e.g., don't storm into a cafe like a white tornado of drug paranoia to deliver "that cassette tape you loaned me," waving it around like Carol Merril as you hand it to your friend behind the counter. Different drugs require different sets of rules, so let's start out with a few.

#4: *Ecstasy*— (A) Note locations of bathrooms and exits in any building you enter in case of nausea. (B) When you're on Ex and you see a pal out in a club, just politely say hello and proceed to the bar and order your fruit juice. Don't tell them you love them; they probably know. (C) Don't assume that a stranger wants you to hump dance against his or her butt just because it seems like a natural, cosmic and understood thing to do. (D) Remember, not everyone wants their neck massaged. (E) As your Ex wears off, please don't take that imperious all-knowing tone of someone who has just spent a hallucino-fest in the desert with Carlos Castaneda at the Joshua Tree. Anyone can buy a hit, and condescension is so annoying. (F) When your trip is over, accept it gracefully with a *real* cocktail. Don't scamble around desperately looking for more. Nothing lasts forever, and no one likes being harangued by a desperate person. It's so unattractive.

#5: *LSD*—Basically follow the guidelines for Ecstasy and in addition: (A) In the '60s LSD made people think they could fly. In the '90s it makes people think they can dance. Don't pull a Sandy Dennis interpretive dance thing in a crowded club. No one deserves six square feet on a dance floor to play out their Renaissance Faire Pan-in-the-forest fantasy. (B) Don't talk to a stranger when you are peaking. He or she generally doesn't want to hear about the designs on the ceiling or the trauma of your 7th grade P.E. class scoliosis exam, or anything about your perspective on reality, or anything to do with that word. Save it for friends of a similar inebriation. (C) Avoid mirrors at all costs and metaphysics unless in a natural setting. (D) There's nothing wrong with non-stop laughter.

#6: *Cocaine*—Don't do it, don't ask ask me to score it for you, and don't try to impress anyone with it. It's such an icky drug. Take everything else from the '70s—the Brady Bunch, Studio 54, Bicentennial souvenirs, etc., but just leave cocaine alone. If you want to put something up your nose make it something that doesn't support the buying of arms or the perpetuation of racial oppression.

#7: *Speed*—Now there's something for your nose. (A) Never offer this drug to a novice without a warning: This will burn a little and it might keep you awake for many hours. (B) Words are lovely and they flow from your mouth at an accelerated rate on speed. Keep this in check. What you are saying could be brilliant and amusing, but it could also be the verbal equivalent of a Desert Storm air raid. Don't scare people with your newfound gift of the gab. (C) Be aware of your breath and what can be done about that not-so-fresh feeling. (D) Don't be afraid to forsake social interaction for a late night dumpster diving treasure hunt. (E) Don't cruise the morning garbage men on your way home. (F) Don't obsess on windows. You might stare at one and think someone is there jacking off for you, but when the sun rises you'll sometimes find you've been cruising a couch all night. No one ever mentions the drug's hallucinatory effects.

#8: *Pot*—The rice and beans of all drugs, and my personal favorite. (A) Now that our government has made pot more expensive than crack by destroying entire crops and ruining the lives of heroic farmers, it's a carnal drug sin to take this organic substance for granted. It's not just the trashy drug of yesteryear; it's better now, and to smoke it is making a statement. Do so proudly. When admonished for indulging by someone who thinks they are above it, just respond with, "All the popular kids are doing it." (B) When in a club and you crave a smoke, don't skulk off to the darkest corner looking like a teenage pothead to do so. Proceed to the center of the dance floor or walk into the folds of the many people waiting at the bar for their drinks and light up. They pay people to look for you in dark corners. (C) If you are a pot whore (like me), state your case openly when you've followed your nose to a group of smokers. They're usually charmed by this honesty and sense that you would return the favor someday. Do return that favor. (D) Never spill the bongwater.

#9: *Smart drugs*—As if ordinary stupid drugs aren't enough! Avoid at all costs.

#10: *Heroin*—Most heroin users stay home a lot so the rules aren't as complex. (A) If using needles, be safe and for the sake of others, be as pretty and mysterious about it as possible. (B) Don't scratch till you bleed. (C) Don't OD. (D) Don't shoot the bleach!

#11: If you are unable to score your drug of choice, don't let it ruin the evening for yourself and others.

#12: Don't worry about what other people think of your drug use. People think I'm on drugs all the time...and I am...maybe.

TELEPHONE BULLETIN BOARD

GAY
•Rendez-vous
•Introductions
•Personals

NOW TO SERVE YOU BETTER AT
1-900-844-6699
$2.00 PLUS TOLL, IF ANY
24 HOURS

LOUNGING ABOUT

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

Photo by Irene Young

Cris Williamson

WHO ELSE
Faster Pussycat, Nov. 20

I didn't know what to make of this Dutch performer, and neither did much of the crowd present for a slow night at the 'cat. Who Else strapped on her acoustic guitar and proceeded to croon, wail and shriek her way through several songs. At times, the lyrics were in recognizable English, but at others... All the while she stood with a blank expression on her face. It was the kind of thing that leaves you scratching your head.

FEMALE FOCUS BENEFIT
Cafe San Marcos, Nov. 23

The women's calendar *Female Focus* was the bait for some fundraising on behalf of women's health care groups. The money from calendar sales goes to Berkeley's Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Lesbian Health Project in San Diego. Comic Marilyn Pittman brought the evening to life with some well-placed barbs, some derived from *SF Bay Times* personals. She also offered comments on each month's models, drawing laughs from the glamour dyke crowd. Pittman's appearing at Josie's Dec. 7 and 28, The Other Cafe in Emeryville Dec. 12, and edging into the mainstream with an upcoming industry showcase at the Punchline.

CRIS WILLIAMSON/TRET FURE
Great American Music Hall, Nov. 25

I should say right off that this was not a homecoming of the heart for me. I came of age post-*Changer* and was not even particularly familiar with Williamson's music a week before the event. I did, however, do some quick boning up before the big show, and was able to fill up and spill over as well as anyone there. Last seen in these parts for the 15th anniversary tour for *The Changer and the Changed*, Williamson returned with Tret Fure for some less sentimental music-making at the Music Hall.

Fure led off with some solo work, bounding between her guitar and a grand piano to play and sing from her records. I was not really grabbed by Fure's songwriting, which I found pedestrian. The canned backing (OK, I know someone played the sounds at some point) was off-putting, as well. When I go to a live show, I expect it to be *live*.

Williamson joined Fure and then took center stage after the intermission. Teresa Trull showed up for a few songs, lending her big voice to some harmonies and a duet with Williamson. Not surprisingly, the biggest cheers went to the songs from *Changer* like "Shooting Star" and "Waterfall." The better part of her set, though, was devoted to other songs—and talking. She put in a pitch for the women of the Weaving Project from Big Mountain, some of whom were on hand to raise funds. She also gave lengthy intros to the songs "Goodnight, Marjorie Morningstar" and "Surrender Dorothy," explaining what moved her to write them and what the references were. Helpful, I guess, but annotated songs aren't my cup of tea.

That aside, it was a great show. Williamson was charming and in fine voice. She was at great pains to draw the audience in, saying, "I do not take you for granted" and that with continued support she could keep going for years to come. Afterward, she and Fure signed "anything you buy" and women lined up, still humming the songs.

VOICE OF THE BEEHIVE
Slim's, Nov. 26

VOB displayed a vibrant queer sensibility in their show that I'd never seen before. Maybe it was the crack about cunnilingus or the camp outfits, but the two women in the band, Tracey and Melissa, seemed at least honorary members of the club. Welcome, girls. I've liked Voice of the Beehive since I heard their single "Just a City" a few years ago. They've found success in Britain as transplanted Californians and are crossing over from college to mainstream radio as we speak. A woman behind me at the show described them as a '90s girl group, and their sound is just this side of bubble gum. Sort of like the B-52s, but with the women on top.

Anyway, they ran through their hits: "I Walk the Earth," "I Talk to No One," etc., and kept up a running conversation with friends in the audience. Melissa shook her braids rhythmically, and both sang. What fun. The capper came as I glanced at their T-shirts on the way out. One of the shirts pictured the two women facing each other with their tongues out. The message: Get Oral.

LAURIE FREELOVE
***Smells Like Truth*, Chrysalis Records**

Freelove first came to my attention as one-third of the proud dyke band, Two Nice Girls, and I rejoiced at hearing she was releasing a solo recording. My suspicions were aroused, though, on receiving the release from Chrysalis. Specifically, there is no mention of Two Nice Girls in the official bio or liner notes, even though Freelove has reprised one song, "Heaven on Earth," from Two Nice Girls' self-titled debut of 1989. "What gives?" I wondered. Was this the same Laurie Freelove?

Well, yes and no. Listening to the tape, I recognized the unmistakable voice I'd heard on the first TNG record, after which Freelove left the band. Her voice is powerfully strident, with a touch of nasal whine. If the voice is the same, her mission is different, it seems. This is the new, major label, mainstream Laurie Freelove. Gone is the tough, dykey look, and in is a blond-tressed, well-packaged Freelove. She could be a member of Wilson Phillips.

Given these changes, one wonders whether this is an attempt by the record company to "de-dyke" Freelove. If this is the case, the music seems untouched. Freelove's hand is certainly evident in the record. She wrote eight of the ten tracks by herself and shares writing credit on one with Englishman Boo Hewerdine, who co-produced the record. Freelove's mannered vocal style is laid over layers of synths, guitars and percussion riffs, giving the album a mystical sound. It is also somewhat cold in feel. Indeed, after repeated listenings, I was at a loss to pick a standout track. Everything blurred in my mind. Listening to *Smells Like Truth* is like listening to a recording of ambient sound, but with vocals. You can easily drift away, which is a shame because the lyrics are a good read, too.

Freelove tends to favor poetically vague images in her lyrics, as in this snippet from "Arms of a Dream":

> Powered on by a lonely night
> and the lonely gods I can see
> War raging upon this world
> in the moon and stars within me.

The love songs are gender neutral, but Freelove never went in much for specifics even in her TNG days. One song, "Haunted," does hint at a broken love between two women, with a mention of "the cold in her eyes where contempt still resides." A cover of Tim Buckley's "Song of the Siren" finishes things off, the wind whistling over Freelove's vocals. The use of wind provides a sonic theme, given that several songs begin with some sort of whistling or howling.

I have no quarrel with Freelove's new artistic direction if it is charted by her. She is a talented artist with idiosyncratic qualities. What I fear is the homogenization demanded by record companies concerned with churning out "product." The blond 'do and selective biography are indications of just that syndrome.

BEST FILM OF THE YEAR!
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF FILM CRITICS

"FLAGRANTLY FUNNY in a slangy, buoyant, unpredictable way. A film of freshness and originality. MAKES YOU FEEL UNREASONABLY HAPPY!"
--Pauline Kael, The New Yorker

"VERY FUNNY, very wise and happily subversive...perfectly directed!"
--Jack Kroll, Newsweek

"AN EXUBERANT and highly inventive comedy!"
--Janet Maslin, New York Times

Get Out Your Handkerchiefs

GERARD DEPARDIEU PATRICK DEWAERE and CAROLE LAURE Directed by BERTRAND BLIER

ACADEMY AWARD WINNER
BEST FOREIGN FILM

U.S. Revival Premiere Friday, Dec. 13
Nightly at 7:00 & 9:30 (Wed, Sat & Sun mats. at 2:00 & 4:00)

ROXIE CINEMA
3117 16th (at Valencia) 863-1087

The Dance Brigade Presents
THE REVOLUTIONARY NUTCRACKER SWEETIE

"Politically savage. dramatically rambunctious. wonderfully tasteless and utterly brilliant."
Sacramento Bee

Oakland Scottish Rite Theatre
1547 Lakeside Dr.

Tickets: $13.00 advance
$15.00 at the door
$10.00 for children under 12, seniors & disabled
Available at: BASS TICKETMASTER 415/762-BASS

December 20, 21, 22 at 8:00 P.M.
December 21, 22 at 2:00 P.M.

Modern Times Bookstore, San Francisco
La Pena/La Tienda, Berkeley
Mama Bears, Oakland
By Mail: Dance Brigade, PO Box 2962, Oakland CA 94609
Family packages for Saturday matinee available by mail only
for more information call: (510) 465 - 3686

Kate Clinton: Fomenting Revolution Thru Laughter

BY VAL C. PHOENIX

"I have serious intentions about humor. I claim a more revolutionary aspect." Kate Clinton is on the line from her home in Provincetown, and ready to talk about her appearance at Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley on Dec. 7. The conversation quickly veers off, though, into politics, the state of women's culture and the uses of humor.

Clinton should know. She's been touring for ten years as a feminist humorist and out lesbian, and she's seen the trends. When she hears that San Francisco's last lesbian bar, Amelia's, has closed, she offers a speedy analysis of the situation. "A lot of it is economics. We are the first ones hit. With the young people who go to bars, there is more of an assimilation of lesbian and gay culture that didn't happen in the '70s. I see waves of communal effort and then an atomization of that to separate efforts. Aren't there lesbian sex clubs in San Francisco? The concept of what we're used to as a bar is changing."

Clinton has seen a lot of the avenues to spread women's culture dry up during the Reagan years. ("How long was it? 20, 25 years?") She says she got her training playing a system of coffeehouses throughout the Midwest and West, most of which do not exist anymore. Nor does the network of distributors of women's music. "I miss them," she says.

There are other battles to fight, as well. Recent events have provided Clinton with a mass of new material. "The Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas babblings—I wouldn't call them hearings—things like that are wonderful grist for the humor mill...Things are happening in the gay community. Certainly in California, with the veto of AB101. I talk about that all over the country."

In a pinch, though, Clinton can always fall back on her own font of comedic inspiration, her Catholic upbringing. Being a recovering Catholic, as she calls herself, is a guarantee of a lifetime of jokes. "I get nervous when the Pope is not on the road."

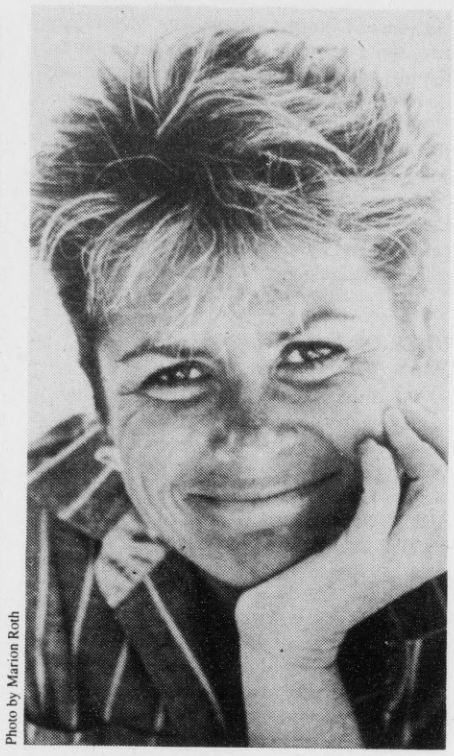


Photo by Marion Ruth

Clinton's other raison d'etre is feminism. Eleven years ago, she wrote a paper on feminist humor and graduated to a career as a comic. She is still working this territory, constantly proving that it is possible for a woman to be funny without being self-hating. Despite the well-documented backlash against feminism, Clinton says her audiences are expanding, and she sees another wave of feminism in response to the right-leaning Supreme Court restricting reproductive rights. "If the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, I think there will be—though I don't know the shape—uprisings."

Needless to say, "I think I have a couple years left before the feminist agenda is in place." She defines her beliefs more positively than in the past. "I used to say 'Women are oppressed, and the oppression must stop.' Now I say 'Women are powerful, and that power must be unleashed.'"

She is nearing the end of her fall tour to promote *Babes in Joyland*, recorded in Boston, and released on her WhysCrack record label. "I think of a record as a record of what I've done," she says, and its release leaves her free to work up new material. Over the summer she worked at a small club in Provincetown, the Post Office. "It's a breadbox, long and thin. There's a light at the end of the tunnel, and it's me."

After living in upstate New York and Los Angeles, Clinton is enjoying Provincetown. "It's a great place to come back to. There are 3,000 in the off-season. It gets quiet." The quiet gives her the chance to do other kinds of writing besides comedy, she says, such as essays and stories, and she looks forward to a time when she might do more of that.

This sounds like winding down, pre-retirement talk, but Clinton leaves her options open. "I told a friend I can't picture myself at 60 saying 'Thanks for coming out tonight.' (Her signature opening line.) She said, 'Really? Why not?' and I said, 'OK.' I wanna do it as long as people keep coming."

Besides, performing comedy keeps her in shape for other endeavors. She says, "Physically, I enjoy the act of laughter. It's good practice for putting the body on the line for other things." How else could she take on the Supreme Court, President Bush and menopause in her routines? Clinton says, "I want to thank (Senator Robert) Kerrey for making that lesbian joke. I've never seen the word lesbian in the paper so much."

She has a few tricks up her sleeve. "I wouldn't mind being on *The Arsenio Hall Show* and talking about what I talk about." The mainstream comedy circuit is notoriously unfriendly to lesbians and women in general, but Clinton feels it's ready for an out lesbian like herself. In particular, the veto of AB101 may have inadvertently opened some doors for gays and lesbians in the industry. "It politicized a lot of people in the entertainment industry who might be willing to take some risks"—including coming out themselves. Clinton continues, "People fear a gay backlash. We do have money and we can make ourselves felt legislatively and through gay money."

Clinton seems relentlessly upbeat, but she says she has nightmares about the right wing. At those times, she recalls a saying of Che Guevara(!): "Optimism is the true weapon of the revolutionary." So Clinton goes out and makes people laugh, rallying the troops for the battles ahead. "The joy of making a thousand people laugh is very encouraging to me...We're in this for the long haul. Humor is the thing that will move us. The moments of us together laughing give me great hope for how we can be together in the world...It gives me great hope for the revolution."

MIX
THE EAST BAY'S ORIGINAL QUEER DANCE CLUB
IS NOW FRIDAY and SATURDAY
•MIX• at Thunder Bay 1 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley Call: 510 THE KLUB 18 and Up Welcome

CABARET

BY GENE PRICE

Club Manhattan to Holiday Inn With Ruth Hastings

Setting aside their popular Jacques Brel show for the nonce, Ruth Hastings & Co. (singer/husband Craig Jessup and musical director Barry Lloyd) have whipped up a sophisticated holiday show for their intimate Larkspur cabaret. Featuring ballads and love songs from such composers as Rodgers and Hart, Gershwin and Berlin, this "best-of-Broadway" evening also reprises a goodly number of the worldly ditties of Cole Porter and Noel Coward.

The two tuxedoed gentlemen opened the Club Manhattan portion with "Sweet and Lowdown" and "The Girl of the Moment" to introduce the sequined diva's treatment of the Weill/Ira Gershwin "One Life to Live." Long absent from the cabaret scene this side of the GG Bridge, Hasting's voice, remarkably sweet in her soft mode, chillingly powerful in full projection, has not changed in a decade.

A segment of Big Apple songs included, of course, Cole Porter's "I Happen to Like New York," which Hastings sang with refreshing abandon. Jessup soloed on Gershwin's lilting "Nice Work If You Can Get It," and the two joined voices on what started as a sweet, haunting "Blue Moon" but which built into an arrangement that tended to overpower the lyrics.

The trio traded some nice vocal banter on Rodgers and Hart's "He and She," a show tune not often sung on its own. But I'm glad they did. Porter's classic loveless lament, "Down in the Depths" is perfectly suited to Hasting's temperament and her unique ability to dramatically darken her voice. A more understated vocal resolution, however, might provide the audience with a more satisfying emotional release.

Berlin's typical "Manhattan Madness" featured the trio, and Rodgers and Hart's even more typical but truly lovely "This Funny World" followed.

Forsaking Manhattan for the second set, the trio transported us to the Berkshires for a Christmas setting at the Holiday Inn. The evening's most romantic song, "There's a Small Hotel" revealed genuine tenderness in the couple's duet and segued nicely into Coward's "A Room With a View."

Two or three of the songs that followed, once thought terribly clever, now seem merely old-fashioned curiosity pieces. Cole Porter's satire on gentlemen farmers, "Farming," managed to rhyme the names of movie stars, politicians and socialites and was once considered the height of wit. Unfortunately, with all those names now among the long deceased, it rather misses its point. "Marvelous Party," too, once signalled gay chic at any party with a piano, and though its lyric characters are fictitious, their social antics seem a little silly in these sober times. Even so, I enjoyed Jessup's arch delivery.

Photo by August Chemotti

A half dozen or so Christmas songs included "Baby, It's Cold Outside," a lovely Hastings/Jessup duet on "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve," a special appearance by their son, Craig Robert, who sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and Jerry Herman's rollicking finale, "We Need a Little Christmas."

My only complaint, and it's common of most cabaret performers, is that they overload their programs with big, smash-ending songs. Half a dozen numbers, such as "World Weary," and "Laziest Gal in Town," would have benefited from softer endings, as dictated by their lyrics.

Even so, time stood still in Larkspur. It could have been ten years ago at any one of ten cabarets in San Francisco on a Ruth Hastings night.

Hastings & Co. sing Thursdays through Saturdays through Dec. 31 at 8 pm, at the Jessup Orange Works Cabaret, Larkspur. (Plus free homemade ice cream at intermission.) Reservations a must. Call 924-6107.

20 Dunston Terrace:

Gay Sensibility On Daytime TV

BY TOM W. KELLY

Thanks to inexpensive and nonjudgmental cable programming, viewpoints not typically encouraged or covered by the three major networks (or four, counting Fox) are finding their way into homes across America. Gay men and lesbians can turn on their televisions and watch programs for and ABOUT our lifestyle. We've come a long way.

For the last year-and-a-half and going strong, 20 Dunstan Terrace has provided Bay Area cable (Channel 25) subscribers coverage of gay events and quirky entertainment with an undeniable gay sensibility. And on Wednesday, Dec. 18, producers/performers Randall and Max Wilson will present their very unusual "Christmas-like Special."

Describing their program as "somewhere between *Evening Magazine* and Ernie Kovacs," Randall Wilson elaborates, "20 Dunstan Terrace is an offbeat arts and entertainment magazine. Utilizing the inherent comic possibilities of television, we incorporate segments which include a review of video, a literary review, an at-large roving camera on the street segment and a special guest artist spotlight." Past shows have featured the lighting of the Palace of Fine Arts; a "Salute to Culture: Brides Maids Revisited," where seven young women gathered to wear their favorite ugliest bridesmaid gowns; and a look at the 150-strong Barbie Doll collection of Jim Buchanan. Project Fact to Face, an AIDS art project, was featured in the Memorial Day Special."

Randall and Max, gay brothers and each other's biggest fans, hail from the Detroit suburb of St. Clair, Mich. Randall recalls, "Dad had an 8-millimeter movie camera, and though he liked to shoot plenty of footage, he never edited it." So when Randall turned nine, he became the family film editor. Several years later came Randall's chance to be the director and cameraman. Max interjects, "Randall was 14 years old. We've been doing camera projects ever since. Since about 1967."

Host Max C. Wilson (l) and producer Randall Wilson get ready for the 20 Dunstan Terrace Christmas Special, Dec. 18.

"*Alice in Wonderland* was the first full length movie I made with a cast and everything," Randall reminisces. "It has great characters in it and is very visual." Max adds, "I was the Caterpillar and one of the Playing Cards. My Caterpillar scene was fabulous! I sat on a four-foot-high mushroom that Randall made out of papier-mache."

From insect to diva in less than ten years, one highlight of Max's performance career came at the 1985 San Francisco Urban Fair's first Opera lip-synching contest. "I was the first winner," Max recalls, "I sang 'Summertime' from Kate Grainger's album." Grainger is a friend of the Wilsons and a cabaret singer from Washington, D.C. Max continues, "I wore a black taffeta evening gown with a crown of baby's breath and rosebuds. The next morning my picture was on the second page of the *San Francisco Examiner*. I got a free dinner and a free night at the Opera." And the brothers continue in the roles they established almost 15 years ago—Randall as director/cameraman and Max as performer.

Continuing his evolutionary process, this time from diva to television program host, Max's career now focuses on 20 Dunstan Terrace. And the Dec. 18 holiday show will feature his talents as well as a legion of others. Finishing each other's sentences, the Wilson brothers explain, "Everyone who's been on the show before is invited to join us. Throughout the episode, between segments, we'll be in the process of fixing up the set for Christmas. We'll have *two* aluminum Christmas trees!" Now that's classy!

Specific bits to appear in this yule-tide extravaganza? Megan Costello, a regular contributor for the show, is presenting a three-minute Nutcracker Suite. Max queries, "Why be bored for three hours when you can see the whole thing in three minutes?" Randall tries to explain, "She uses a Christmas diorama with Gumbies and Pokies. It's her video stocking stuffer."

And what would a Christmas show be without a cheesy musical number? Putting himself before the camera this time, Randall will lip-synch Cole Porter's *You're the Top*. He describes how he pictures himself and the experience, "A tuxedo with slicked back hair. It's yet another Christmas noir fantasy. My video alter ego is Johnny Detroit of Johnny Detroit's Cheap Lounge Act. A character I've had in the back of my mind for the past couple of years." (See what happens when you grow up in the Detroit suburbs?)

The Christmas-like Special promises to be technically a step above previous programs. "This will be the first in-studio show we've done. All the other shows have been done on location in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., etc."

Advice to others wanting to create their own cable program? Randall quickly interjects, "Have a point of view." More specifically, he adds, "Channel 25 is open to residents of SF on a first-come first-served basis. A competitive basis. No commercials, so the producers fund their own shows. I got a grant from the SF Community Television Corporation. There are different categories: weekly, monthly and specials which run one time wherever there's an opening on the schedule." More than satisfied with the experience, Randall adds, "The production staff at 25 has been very, very supportive of all our efforts."

Future plans? Again, Randall details, "We want the show to get onto a regular station somehow. I'd love for it to be picked up in other areas and get more people involved in the production. We'd like contacts in other cities to interact with. To learn about other communities in a fun way." Max adds sadly, "But we've had no money." Randall interjects, "But no lack of ideas." Max finishes, "Just a lack of funds."

And eager to get in the last word, Max states unequivocally, "I think it's wonderful!" Find out for yourself. By, for and about the gay community, 20 Dunstan Terrace.

Kudos to any old movie buffs who recognize the film origin of the address "20 Dunstan Terrace." [Answer: *Sorry, Wrong Number*, the home of Waldo Evans.]

20 Dunstan Terrace appears every Wednesday, 4:30-5:00 pm, on CityVisions Channel 25.

SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS

Holidays Around the World

STAN HILL
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
DECEMBER
13 & 14
1991
8 PM

SPECIAL GUESTS:
CITY SWING
WITH
GAIL WILSON

HERBST THEATRE
VAN NESS AVENUE
AND
McALLISTER STREET

TICKETS: $10 · $15 · $30 · AVAILABLE AT A DIFFERENT LIGHT BOOKSTORE: 489 CASTRO STREET · STBS BOX OFFICE: UNION SQUARE
CITY BOX OFFICE: 141 KEARNY STREET · FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS CALL 282-5492, 392-4400, or 762-BASS
FUNDED IN PART BY THE SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL TAX FUND / GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

ON CHRISTMAS EVE THE SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S CHORUS COMES
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
FEATURING HIGHLIGHTS FROM *HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD* AND A CAROL SING-ALONG AT THE FABULOUS CASTRO THEATRE
7 & 9:30 PM · ALL TICKETS $10: AVAILABLE AT A DIFFERENT LIGHT BOOKSTORE · CALL 282-5492 FOR DETAILS

BETTE MIDLER JAMES CAAN

Laughter and tears. Tragedy and triumph.
They lived it all.
For the boys.

A MARK RYDELL FILM
FOR THE BOYS
AN ALL GIRL PRODUCTION
TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX ... ALL GIRL ... MARK RYDELL ... BETTE MIDLER JAMES CAAN FOR THE BOYS GEORGE SEGAL
DAVE GRUSIN ... JOEL SILL ... NEAL JIMENEZ & LINDY LAUB ... MARSHALL BRICKMAN ... NEAL JIMENEZ & LINDY LAUB
MARK RYDELL ... BETTE MIDLER, BONNIE BRUCKHEIMER & MARGARET SOUTH ... MARK RYDELL
R RESTRICTED
MUSIC FROM THE MOTION PICTURE AVAILABLE ON ATLANTIC CASSETTES AND COMPACT DISCS

NOW PLAYING
Presented in 70 MM DOLBY STEREO
ALHAMBRA THEATRE Polk/Green • 775-2137
United Artists STONESTOWN 19th & Winston • 221-8182
United Artists the MOVIES 280 Metro Ctr. Colma • 994-1065
NO PASSES OR DISCOUNT TICKETS ACCEPTED FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT

THEATRE

Private Lives

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Private Lives is a delectable romp. Representing the ultimate in brittle wit of the 1930s, this revealing glimpse of what was to become "the jet set" is as fizzy today as ever. Written by Noel Coward as a starring vehicle for himself and sidekick Gertrude Lawrence, the play has served the talents of Tallulah Bankhead, Tammy Grimes, Elizabeth Taylor and Maggie Smith, among others. Now we have the scrumptious Joan Collins as the self-assured, self-centered, selfish and adorable Amanda.

If Collins' impressive stage presence comes as a surprise, it should not. At age nine she made her debut in "The Doll House," followed it with a run of bad-girl roles, and at 19 she had made her first films, "Land of the Pharaohs" and "The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing." Fifty films and "Dynasty" later, she's back on stage, looking great in William Ivey Long's gowns, purring her sexy lines one moment and diving into an alto growl the next. (She obviously lies about her age, she's 40 if she's a day.)

Collins' onstage adversary is Simon Jones, who plays ex-husband Elyot. Long divorced, they meet again on a hotel terrace in the south of France. On their respective second honeymoons, they are ensconced in adjoining suites and share a common terrace. Elyot is married to innocent, boring Sybil (Jill Tasker). Amanda is married to stuffy, boring Victor (Edward Duke, well remembered locally for his "best actor" role in *Jeeves Takes Charge*). When advised that Elyot's new wife's name is Sybil, Amanda cannot refrain from pronouncing it, lingering over the second syllable, as though it were something one shouldn't pick up in a flea market. A spate of arch dialogue, a recollection of some battling memories, brief snatches of "Somewhere I'll Find You" ("Funny how potent cheap music can be"). and the ex-couple are ready to tear off their clothes and have at it. While whimpering Sybil has gone down to dinner alone and pouting Victor has taken refuge in the bar, Amanda and Elyot take flight for Paris.

Days later in Amanda's elegant Art Deco flat, they are happy beyond happy, romping on the multi-pillowed floor, singing, dancing, loving, trying to keep their simmering consciences at arms' length. What of poor Sybil and Victor? "We sent them a nice note. What more could they want?" Amanda asks. And what of past jealousies and petty infidelities? "I let him kiss me," Amanda admits of a past fling. "It gave him a lot of pleasure and it didn't hurt me." Then all hell breaks loose, including much of the furniture, when the door swings open to reveal, arm-in-arm, Victor and Sybil.

In the best tradition of British manners, the mismatched couples attempt to put up a civilized front during a continental breakfast. But to no avail. Insults, accusations, threats, tears, slamming doors, and eventually Sybil and Victor are committing slam-bang mayhem on each other. Amanda and Elyot who cannot live with or without each other, flee again.

Familiarity breeds contempt, Oscar Wilde said. Not necessarily. Familiar as I am with the dialogue of *Private Lives*, it still maintains its bitchy wit.

Simon Jones as Elyot is generally fine though I might have preferred a drier, less waspish delivery and a more restrained use of hands and arms. Jill Tasker as the dowdy Sybil is the perfect counterpoint to Collins and Edward Duke as the harumphing Victor was—not surprisingly—superb.

Designer Loren Sherman's hotel terrace was the last word in architectural elegance and the second act Art Deco living room will send local art deco folk into a tizzy. Arvin Brown directed at breakneck speed, which is the only way to handle such flighty fluff.

Charles Duggan produces this Broadway-bound revival.

Private Lives continues at The Curran Theatre through Dec. 8. If you've never seen it before, don't admit it, just call 762-BASS or stop by the Theatre box office.

Photo by T. Charles Erickson

Joan Collins is Amanda in "Private Lives"

Reno, Once Removed

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

In her green T-shirt and baggy black pants, Reno bounds on stage, arms and legs flailing like a Hindu goddess come to life. Her frizzy, dark-rooted blond hair is the perfect cartoon of someone who has stuck a finger in a light socket. Already halfway through a caustic complaint, she's irritated and on the verge of mad.

This new show, *Reno Once Removed*, is still a little rough around the edges. She's firing shotgun and some of her targets aren't worth the powder. She describes being dragged through a long line to see the Mona Lisa when she was a child only to discover that her allotted few seconds before the painting weren't worth the wait. Waiting in a bank line so traumatized her that by the time she reached the teller, "knockers" is the only word that escaped her lips.

Reno leaps, she explodes across the stage like an out-of-control rocket, she punctuates a phrase with a fist to the palm. She even shouts "fuck" now and again, but unlike Mamet, who uses the word in the natural rhythms of contemporary language, she uses it like a child trying it out on adults to see if it will shock.

But when Reno hits on larger themes—Helms and Mapplethorpe, Nixon's rehabilitation, abortion rights—her firepower hits the mark. She shrivels the Reagan-Bush reigns with wild invective. "Have you seen the Bill of Rights lately? No! Because it's at the Xerox shop being *reduced*." And *what* "new prosperity?" she wants to know. Half a dozen investment bankers may be pulling down $3 billion each, but she's not convinced it will trickle down to the rest of us. "I mean, how many waitresses can they *tip*?"

She touches on her family briefly, but her distaste for their middle class values is in itself slightly distasteful. Given up by her natural mother at birth, she was adopted by a New York family. Growing up, she did the drug scene. She did alcohol. She did the SF scene where she worked as a car mechanic in the early '80s. Now, thirty-some years later, she is trying to locate her natural mother. On a recent visit home, her adoptive mother remarked that she had read that Reno had told a reporter she was Hispanic. "You're not Hispanic, honey," her mother said, "you're *white*." Reno shrugs. What is there to say?

I confess. About 20 minutes into her act, Reno won me over. As a socio-political commentator, she's a tornado of fresh air. She doesn't do characters like other stand-ups. She *is* a character. And she's on a roll.

Reno, Once Removed plays Wednesdays through Sundays at the Eureka Theatre through Dec. 8. For reservations call 558-9898.

Spunk

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Spunk, three stories by Zora Neale Hurston that have been spun into pure theatrical gold by writer/director George C. Wolfe, is currently delighting audiences at Berkeley Repertory. A co-production with the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre and the Oakland Ensemble Theatre, *Spunk* is a glorious affirmation of love and survival and just plain enduring "told in the key of the blues."

Introducing the trio of fables with the lyric "How do you git to the git?", are Guitar Man (Chic Street Man) and Blues Speak Woman (Ann Duquesnay). Throughout the evening they continue to comment musically on the action and casually interact with the plays' characters.

"Sweat" is the story of love gone awry. Delia (Adriane Lenox) is a white folks' laundress who lives in terror of her brutalizing husband Sykes (Stephen Burks). Sykes not only flaunts his mistress before his back-country wife, he further torments her by installing a caged rattlesnake in their bedroom. "I hate you as much as I used to love you," Delia spits at her philandering mate before their hateful relationship is resolved with an ironic vengeance.

In "Story in Harlem Slang" (the program provides a glossary), zoot-suited Harlem Jelly (Bruce Beatty) and Sweet Back (Burks) put the make—and hopefully a free dinner—on a high-stepping, handsome woman (Lenox) with some elegant flattery and street-wise posturing. Florid with sexual innuendo, the lyrical seductions of these competing randy dandies are no match for their sassy, dressed-to-kill prey. Harassment is not on this city girl's agenda and she puts them down with a country girl's imagery: "I wouldn't give you air if you was stopped up in a jug." Elegantly attired in a black suit and flourishing a cane, Kevin Jackson is the scene-stealing narrator of this street corner confrontation.

"The Gilded Six-Bits" (with its O. Henry overtones) is *Spunk*'s most complex exploration of love's loss and redemption. Joe (Jackson) and Missie May (Lenox) are blissful back-country newlyweds. But Joe's compulsive fascination with a city slicker's gold piece leads innocent Missie May to submit herself to the man in exchange for the gold. When the infidelity is discovered, the marriage collapses. Little by little they break their bitter silence and begin to reveal affection and forgiveness. The gold piece, ultimately discovered to be a mere gilded six-bits, is used to buy Missie May some candy after Joe's mother assures him that the baby looks just like him.

One of the mainstays of the 1930's Harlem renaissance, Hurston wrote with compassionate simplicity of the Black cultures of both the rural South and the urban North. She records without condescension, without apology, the joys and the jealousies, the good-heartedness and the trickeries of her people's lives as they lived them. Adaptor Wolfe has utilized her language with affectionate homage.

A clever set that effectively converts from weathered-board country to slick Harlem sidewalk is by Loy Arcenas. Costumes by Toni-Leslie James. Lighting by Donald Holder. Highly polished performances by the entire cast with a special nod to Ms. Duquesnay's all-wise and enchanting presence.

Spunk is a glorious celebration of "gitting to the git." Don't miss it. Playing Tuesdays through Sundays at Berkeley Repertory through Dec. 21. Call 845-2700.

Legends and Folk Tales of Brer Rabbit

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

The Lorraine Hansberry Theatre's presentation of the Brer Rabbit stories has charm written all over it. Adapted for the stage by director Stanley E. Williams from the works of Julius Lester, the folk tales are a nostalgic delight. We root for the mischievous trickster Brer Rabbit not only when he's stealing from Mr. Man's garden, but even when he is wheeling and dealing his own forest brothers.

Alan Curreri's set of glide-on trees, country fences, and a lovely impressionist vegetable garden, is a visual delight. Selina's costumes and R. Stephen Weber and Brad M. Look's masks and wigs are wondrous interpretations of storybook creatures. Their physical variety, from foot-tapping rabbit to shy raccoon and lumbering bear were magical evocations.

But charm is a tenuous quality to capture and contain on stage. When pacing lags (and it sometimes does) charm wears out its welcome and becomes merely cute. Each of these 11 tales are like self-contained comic strips in which Brer Rabbit either successfully tricks someone or is himself tricked—and the moral is evident. End of comic strip! Cut to blackout! Why dissipate the object lesson with an epilogue?

The legends in Williams' production were introduced and narrated by Diane Ferlatte with an infectious good humor. The original tales were passed down by slaves in the pre-Civil War South and were based on a trickster common to the oral

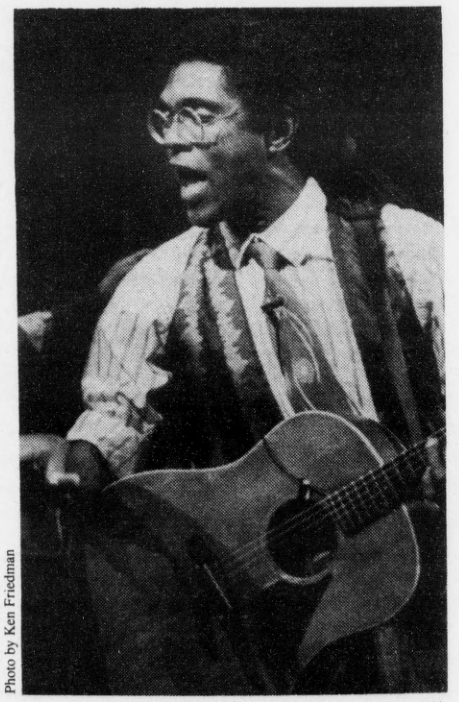


Photo by Ken Friedman

Chic Street Man provides narration in "Spunk"

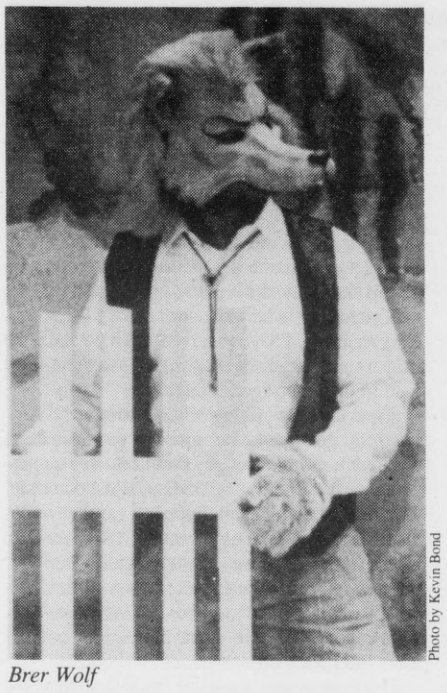


Photo by Kevin Bond

Brer Wolf

tradition of many cultures.

Composer Rob Robinson's score and Vincent Cowart's choreography offer Brer Rabbit excellent opportunity for some sly hippity-hoppity movement as he goes about his business cadging meals of garden greens, wild honey, or a purloined ham. Other times he is concerned with *not* becoming the next meal of Brer Fox.

Keith Douglas, Teddy Love, Darold Ross and Melvin Thompson are the Brers Raccoon, Fox, Bear and Wolf, respectively.

Children in the audience giggled and whooped with delight, and in one tale even swarmed on stage to help make hurricane noises. Sharing the wonder in their eyes is what theater is all about.

Brer Rabbit continues at the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre through Dec. 29. Call 474-8800.

Political Wife

REVIEWED BY TOM KELLY

Ever had the feeling everyone around you is crazy? The "environmental" production of *Political Wife* by actor/playwright Bill Talen revels in that eerie sensation... in a good way. Whether you're quaking with fear or laughter depends on how seriously you take this year's installment to the annual, ever-changing Life on the Water's *Political Wife* series.

The "show" begins immediately. Upon arriving at the Banquet Room of the Holiday Inn (that's right, this *is* environmental theater), each audience member is greeted heartily at the registration desk where buttons and name tags are distributed. Shortly after being seated, a somewhat lackluster dinner is served (chicken, rice, veggies, dessert and coffee/tea). And then George Cudahay (chillingly portrayed by Bill Talen), amidst a cloud of cameras and reporters, swoops into the room. After introducing himself to each of the guests/audience members, he takes his place at the main banquet table. Hovering in the background is lovely wife Jane Cudahay (Anne Darragh, recently starring in Eureka Theatre's *Angels in America*).

As if politicians weren't scary enough, Talen's Cudahay is a man on the brink of "bumper sticker mentality" and well into the territory of gross oversimplification and insincerity. And yet is this theatrical candidate for President of the United States so terribly far removed from the choices we faced three years ago (and are looking at next year)?

Finishing his speech, Cudahay exits swiftly... leaving his wife behind. Jane nervously addresses the conventioneers/audience, spilling information about her husband, their relationship and her own death-filled vision of the United States. Actress Darragh brilliantly orchestrates Jane's flirtation with a nervous breakdown. Harmonies of physical and vocal subtleties interplay, achieving a complex characterization of an intelligent woman used as a prop, kept in a shadowy background, unloved and lonely. Only when husband George returns and escorts her out does she become silent and the show ends—with bleak prospects for her future as well as that of a nation electing to the Presidency a man like George Cudahay.

Surely one of the most complete theatrical experiences I've attended, *Political Wife* is funny yet disturbing, silly, yet all-too-serious, political yet intelligent. And somehow all at the same time.

Political Wife, Banquet Room C, Holiday Inn Civic Center, on 8th near Market, every Sunday until Dec. 8. $20. 776-8999.

The Sea Gull

REVIEWED BY TOM KELLY

Classic theater. Great plays by great dead playwrights tend to be produced with such an overabundance of respect that mad passion is replaced with all-too-sober deliberation. Unfortunately, such is the case with the Phoenix Theatre's production of Anton Chekhov's *The Sea Gull*.

Plodding purposefully, the play's rhythms slow to a snail's pace. For a script full of revelations of unrequited love, there was oddly not a damp eye in the house. Each character proclaims love for some other character who either loves another or is incapable of truly loving in return. At no point did the collective angst of the 12-character cast ever touch me (and I'm a soft touch). Rather than become involved in the universals Chekhov so beautifully wrote, the audience merely watched, listened and, well, waited. Even the set changes were interminable, taking perhaps up to three minutes to move five pieces of furniture. What clocked in at two-and-a-quarter hours might have been thrilling at a crisp two hour maximum.

The Phoenix Theatre's earlier production of Tennessee Williams' *Orpheus Descending*, also a long great play by a great dead playwright, was so beautifully realized, an artistic triumph for actors and technicians alike. If, in the course of the run, this same company can somehow suffuse *The Sea Gull* with a similar excitement, they will manage to take flight with an otherwise lame duck.

The Sea Gull plays at the Phoenix Theatre until Dec. 15. $10-$15. 621-4423.

14 Years of Quality
Gay and Lesbian Theater

ON STAGE IN DECEMBER:

WAITING FOR GODETTE
With Justin Bond & Miss X
Dec. 5-21 at 8 p.m.
$10 — On the Mainstage

>EXIT<
By Johannes Mager
Dec. 5-21 at 8:30 p.m.
$8 — In the Studio

ROBERT COFFMAN READS
A CHRISTMAS MEMORY
Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. — a special benefit for Theatre Rhinoceros
Suggested donation $6

For information/tickets
Call 415/861-5079
THEATRE RHINOCEROS
2926-16th St., San Francisco

A.C.T. at the Herbst Theatre
Across from City Hall at Van Ness and McAllister

A Special Holiday Event

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING
The Songs of
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN

8 Performances Only!
December 26 — 31
and a New Year's Eve Champagne Supper

A celebration of the best-loved hits from American musical classics, including *Oklahoma!, Carousel, South Pacific, The King & I* and *The Sound of Music.*

Ticket prices $10 - $33 available at
A.C.T.'s Central Box Office: 415 Geary at Mason
Group Discounts: Linda Graham (415) 346-7805

Dec. 26, 27 & 28, 8 pm
Dec. 28, 2 pm, Dec. 29, 3pm
Dec. 29, 7:30pm & Dec. 31, 9pm

CHARGE BY PHONE
(415) 749-2ACT

BASS Tm TICKETS
The Wherehouse/TowerRecords/Video
(415/510) 762-BASS

"POWERFUL!
a gay-straight, punk-soul thriller!"
– John Griffin, THE MONTREAL GAZETTE

"high voltage!
Isaac Julien celebrates the energies of his hip, young performers and he has just the camera moves and rhythms to do it."
–Jay Carr, THE BOSTON GLOBE

"'young soul rebels'
makes *'jungle fever'* look like *'guess who's coming to dinner'*!"
—David Ehrenstein, THE ADVOCATE

ISAAC JULIEN'S
young soul rebels
PRESTIGE

LUMIERE
California at Polk / 885-3200

starts friday december 6
exclusive san francisco engagement
call theatre for showtimes

London
$225*

Palm Springs	$ 79*
Key West	$239*
Paris	$267*
Amsterdam	$299*
Berlin	$349*
Bangkok	$369*

*These are each way from San Francisco based on roundtrip purchase and taxes not included. Restrictions apply and space is limited.

Council Travel

Berkeley office open Saturdays, 10-2

SUNSET	DOWNTOWN	BERKELEY
919 Irving Street	312 Sutter Street	2486 Channing Way
566-6222	421-3473	510-848-8604

1992 Eurailpasses now available

Lesbian and Gay Adoptees
(& friends)...

LINK UP WITH
CHAIN OF LIFE
an adoption reform newsletter

for more info, send SASE to:
Chain of Life
Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707

BOOKS

An Atlas of the Difficult World

By Adrienne Rich
W.W. Norton, 1991, $7.95

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Adrienne Rich is probably the most renowned lesbian poet since Sappho. Like Walt Whitman, she's also a national treasure. After 40 years in the poetry business, she's come up with another book of poems, recently released both in hard-bound and paperback, which is another gem for our collection. *An Atlas of the Difficult World* covers poems from 1988-1991, and Rich is right in there with words of wisdom on what's happening now.

Overall, Adrienne Rich is painting a mural here of America: its places and people in the midst of uneasy transformation. From a distance, you can see the largeness and the largesse of her vision. Coming closer, upon analysis, we see the fine details of feelings and the clear focus she employs in viewing our difficult and "unprotected" lives.

It's a book about loneliness and poignant memories from the perspective of a wise elder, and it is also an atlas of the psychic repercussions of current events. Her voice is as authoritative and as tough as needed, while at the same time she's compassionate and open to understanding. In all of her work, Rich has always opted for moral truthfulness, a kind of "wild patience" in addressing the human condition. Throughout her life she has dreamt of world revolution, a revolution in consciousness in the way we treat each other. But she has never lost her grounding in seeing the world as it is : "as it is, not as we wish it. As it is, not as we work for it to be."

In her latest book, *An Atlas of the Difficult World*, in a multi-layered poem called "Eastern War Time," she starts from the perspective of being an American Jewish girl during W.W.II. The extermination of a people, her people, begins to change her consciousness forever. Even she, who was ignorantly Jewish, begins to embody the consciousness of a race which has been "forbidden to forget" the atrocities and cruelties. She becomes the "corpse dredged from a canal in Berlin." The knowledge of atrocity expands, and

Photo by Colleen McKay

Adrienne Rich

she also becomes the corpse dredged from a river in Mississippi. She is a woman standing with all the other women dressed in black... standing on a road in Ramallah waiting for gas masks. She is the Jew, the Palestinian, the African American, the Native American, the migrant laborer with Malathion in her throat, giving birth at the hospital at the edge of a field with other women experiencing the "prematures slipping from unsafe wombs."

In the 1989 poem "Tattered Kaddish," Rich astonishes us with her spiritual clarity and her ability to invoke universal truths:

> Praise to life though it crumbled like a tunnel on ones we knew and loved...
> Praise to life though ones we knew and loved, loved it badly, too well, and not enough...
> Praise to life though it tightened like a knot on the hearts of ones we thought we knew loved us...
> Praise to life giving room and reason to ones we knew and loved who felt unpraisable...
> Praise to them, how they loved it, when they could.

Adrienne Rich speaks eloquently of death and outrage. In a particularly poignant poem, "Through Corralitos Under Rolls of Cloud," she meditates on the powerful but troubled polarity between survivor and victim. She speaks about two lovers, one who has died, the other who survived the illness and who is uncertain of who she is or will be without the other. Rich speaks to the survivor: "If you say, she was weaker, held life less dear, expected others to fight for her... If pride lets you name her victim and the one who got up and threw the windows open, stripped the bed, survivor—what have you said? ... What does it mean to say, I have survived, until you take the mirrors and turn them outward and read your own face in their outraged light?"

She continues talking about outrage and how we think that maybe because we've hacked and tracked our way through, that life owes us, has promised us a piece of paradise, a just outcome. But this often doesn't happen, as she writes elsewhere in the book: "not all labor ends in sweetness." Yet we are outraged when our prayers don't reach fulfillment, when we don't get what we feel entitled to, when our loved ones die. "Outrage: Who dare claim protection for their own amid such unprotection? " she rails.

Throughout this book, we are informed of the difficult situation in which we find ourselves, where beauty is entwined with cruelty and where cruelty seems to have the upper hand. Innocence is often unaware of cruelty, and in this sense it is self-deceptive. But what can be said for a man such as Stephen Roy Carr, who had stalked two women who were camping along the Appalachian Trail and had shot both, killing one of them, because they were lesbians and because, as he said, their spied-upon intimacies had triggered his loathing? Rich remembers the Appalachian Trail with its beauty and smell of wild mint, and she remembers herself making love to another woman under the stars. It could have been her, it could be any of us.

This country is rotting away, and those who could help bind, replenish and renew are shunted aside, locked out of sight, hearing, mind and effectiveness. It cannot be done without them, but where are they now? she implores. "Flags blossom where little else is blossoming" writes Adrienne Rich. She says, "a patriot is not a weapon. A patriot is one who wrestles for the soul of her country, as she wrestles for her own being ... A patriot is a citizen trying to wake from the burnt-out dream of innocence."

The Two Mujeres

By Sara Levi Calderon
Aunt Lute Books, 1991, $8.95

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

The Two Mujeres—an English translation of the famous lesbian novel, *Dos mujeres*—tells the story of love between two Mexican Jewish women. *Dos mujeres* enjoyed enormous commercial success in Mexico, where it was on the bestseller list for five months. Until the end of the '80s, there was virtually no published lesbian Mexican literature. Author Sara Levi Calderon, having been socially exiled, now lives in San Francisco with her lover Gina Kaufer, the translator of this renegade novel. The translated book has just come off the Aunt Lute presses.

This semi-autobiographical first book fits solidly into the romance novel genre. It's lyrical and passionate, and it focuses on the love life of the protagonist amidst the social and familial background of sexual censorship. The ending is particularly powerful, and this book raises the "coming-out" sub-genre to another level of cultural visibility.

The Two Mujeres is the coming-out story of a wealthy, middle-aged, divorced mother of two rather horrible teenage sons. Valeria had led a restricted bourgeois life with her husband, a premature ejaculator, and had lived to a large extent in her own romanticized dream world. As the dutiful daughter of a neurotic status-oriented family, she had given up her freedom and had locked herself into a pattern of self-sacrifice, dictated first by her father, then by her husband, brother and her sons.

Her restlessness eventually motivated her to move closer to finding herself. She studied acting, attended the university and experimented with extramarital sex, finally divorcing her husband. And then along came Genovesa, young, *declasse*, free-spirited, hot, beautiful and willing:

> Genovesa offered me a mint. I took it shamelessly with my mouth. I felt the unknown touch of her fingers on my tongue... She jerked but didn't pull her hand away. I moved towards her mouth that was half open in surprise... I slipped my tongue into her mouth... We lost ourselves in the mirror that faced the bed... In the center: two women, one kneeling before the other... The intensity of our feelings frightened us... Slowly our hard edges began to dissolve and clear desire returned. She gave herself slowly. You had to caress her with your eyes; take away the sadness that concealed her voluptuousness. You had to do it delicately, like the fine traces of a Chinese watercolor. I licked her neck, her mouth...

And then, "calmness settled in again after the incident. We were captivated by the themes of the mind: fear of loving, fear of living, guilt. But desire went beyond every fear." Indeed, they went at it, finding every opportunity under the sun and moon, at home and in different exotic locales. In the process of getting together, they fell in love. They also fell out of favor with everything and everyone from their former lives.

At a recent book-publishing party for *Two Mujeres* here in San Francisco, Sara Levi Calderon expressed her overwhelming gratitude and her happiness with being an openly erotic lesbian writer. She and her lover, Gina, have now been together for 11 years.

THE ACE CAFE

1539 FOLSOM ST.

Restaurant & Bar
621-4752

SAN FRANCISCO

Lunch 5 Days
Dinner 7 Days

WELCOME TO ME

BY GGREG DEBORAH TAYLOR, O.S.

Sometimes, Sex Isn't

Traditionally the nightlife/entertainment circuit picks up for the holiday season; however, this year seems significantly resistant toward providing anything which can be termed socially "important."

Exploration of the generally asexual deep house wave is suggested as a welcome change for techno burnout victims and funk fallout. It's frightening that a hetero-dominated scene has overtaken homo equivalents, but the most popular subcultural clubs going presently are predominantly straight, and overwhelmingly house.

These clubs are all about the chemical experience. Going alone and sober is not to be encouraged. (See Don Baird's *Beat This* column, this issue.) They exist purely for intense sensory stimulation based in deep house seasoned with multimedia visuals, virtual reality, smart drugs, and hard drugs.

Discussion regarding the prevalent ambiguous sexuality is not even topical in these clubs, where boys and girls alike shake their butts with conviction, dilated eyes rolled toward hypothalamus, as they grind their molars to the beat, rhinestone-encrusted disco whistle to lips, arms flailing in the air. Sometimes, Sex Isn't...

Most worthy of examination, priority one on the House Head Disco-Gristle Safari goes to Mr. Floppy's Flop House, located in the obscurity of Oakland's nether regions. Floppy's provides an unmatchable surround-sound venue, overflowing with psychotic acid house liquid visuals, and a multitude of environments to explore. Its converted bordello setting is conducive to a trip well spent. It should, however, be visited before its character is despoiled by invading guidos, which has started, as inevitable with all good mixed scenes.

TEN15 Folsom's Tuesday night ComeUnity, which acted as a precursor for the in-town deep house scene, has apparently slipped into history; however, Outrage on Wednesdays at the End Up has picked up its momentum, and has quickly earned the title of **San Francisco's Loudest Sound System**.

Floating from location to location, the frequently displaced Toon Town is a continually metamorphosing creature. Known to have the largest guest list in town, the club is sincere in its focus toward fun. Proprietors Diana Jacobs and Preston provide one of the best moving parties in San Francisco.

Late night at Colossus with seamless DJ Jerry Bonham also brings down the beat to the glassy-eyed masses till daybreak. Many of these scenes are reminiscent of the old Trocadero and days gone by.

After dancing allnightlong Saturday night, the well-meaning house-heads amble to the End Up Sunday morning. Reborn from the ashes of its heyday, from 6 am til 2 am, the club pounds alldaylong, never really slowing to take a breath. The disco throng is constantly replenished by new arrivals, many of whom have been up since Friday, and have just arrived after having taken time to freshen up, or to alphabetize their spice rack and iron all their socks.

But guessing who's a homo and who's not grows tedious. Thank goodness almost all the sex clubs are open for business again. Church is now open seven days per week. Night Gallery is also up and running, minus the beer kegs; and back rooms lost to history have re-emerged. Missing from the lineup, however, are the dyke sex clubs, which went underground again during the recent scandal and have yet to reappear; just when people were starting to try to figure out how girls do it standing up...

Local gossip columnist Justin Bond recounted a lurid tale before the recent Sick and Twisted Players performance at Klubstitute. The drama started unfolding before the show had even commenced with a prologue backstage by Justin. Apparently he had come to the club with what he described as "the date from Hell," or more accurately, Walnut Creek; a married man whom he had met on 16th and Valencia. The man was pretty twirled, much to Justin's amusement, and before the evening had ended had bought Justin a dress, dinner, rounds of drinks, cab fare.

Photo by Marc Geller

"Alien" at Klubstitute

As he left that night, Justin proudly announced that his date had conveniently passed out during the performance, and Bond explicitly instructed people not to wake him, not that anyone could have, seeing as he didn't jostle to consciousness when Justin removed his pullover before departing.

SICK AND TWISTED

The performance by the Sick and Twisted Players of "*Alien,* Starring Josie and the Pussycats in Outer Space" was better than ever, much as expected drawing a fire-safety-challenging capacity crowd. San Francisco's premier chameleon Flynn ruled the stage as Alexandra, the tight-faced band manager. Fruitfly's performance, script-in-hand, was also worthy of note. Her two-dimensional portrayals are, at the least, memorable.

Writer and director Tony Vaguely's combination of cartooned action and characterization with horror worked better than previous combinations by the group, which synthesizes camp icons with fear flicks, creating such pairings as "*Friday the 13th,* with the Brady Bunch." The Brady performance suffered from weaker scripting and devices; *Alien* provided a combination which worked, and was well executed.

PARTY AT KLUBSTITUTE

Klubstitute and *SF Bay Times* are pairing up in another twisted combination Saturday, Dec. 14, for "Christmas in Space," BT's personals party, featuring "a galaxy of stars" including LZ Love, Enrique, and Tony Vaguely's grocery cart ride in the front room—"Scrooge's Wild Xmas Ride: It'll scare the Dickens out of you." Wouldn't miss it.

Later that evening, Donald Simrock and I will be appearing at Colossus as **"Mean Clowns Make Bad Mimes,"** everyones favorite, performing our famous *"Mimes in a Box, Mimes in a Mirror"* routine. Oh boy.

Afterward we'll probably end up at the Beehive on Haight and Fillmore, San Francisco's newest (and only) drag restaurant. It's the only restaurant in town that plays *Mommy Dearest* with the sound cranked at 4 am weekend nights *and* 9 am weekend brunch. You wanted your eggs done *HOW,* TINA?! The food at night takes *forever,* so don't go there if you're in a hurry, but the atmosphere is laid-back, and the other customers are worth staring at, day or night.

Also on the horizon is Club Uranus' second anniversary party, Sunday, Dec. 22nd, along with Decadance's first anniversary Friday, Dec. 6th.

Thankfully, insider information (read: toss off rumors) suggests a few new venues will be opening in the near future, with possibly two major clubs switching allegiances. Personally, I hate house, so I guess I'm stuck waiting for something to happen for a while.

Coming Out Won't Kill You

A Lesbian Comedy Video by Debbie Daliege

COMING SOON TO A VIDEO STORE NEAR YOU

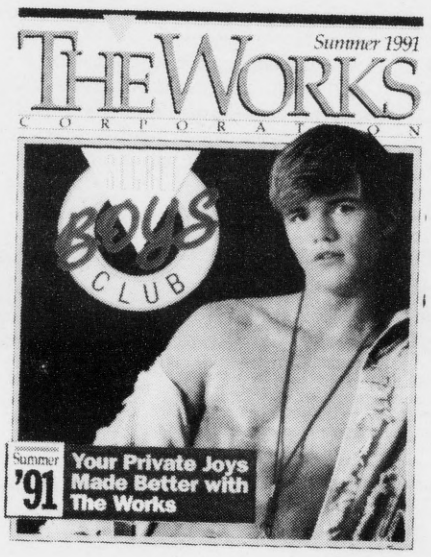
Available to rent at: Castro Video, Superstar Video, Take One Video, U.S. Video

CROSS DRESSERS PRIVATE ONE-TO-ONE CONNECTIONS

PARTY LINE

1-800-753-TVTS 8887

98¢ per ½ min., billed to MC/VISA



Order Now! The Catalogue for the **ADULT** Male

Videos ▼ Leather ▼ Lubes ▼ Condoms ▼ Toys

$3.00 Payment Enclosed. Make checks/money orders payable to; *The Works.* Send payment to address at bottom.

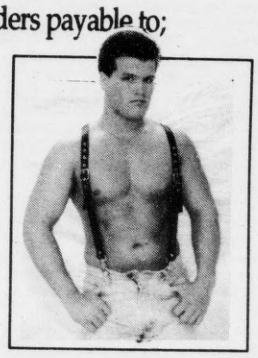
Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

I am over 18 years old.

Signature required _____



Center Square East ■ 12th Floor ■ Philadelphia, PA 19102

Television...

(continued from page 13)

Golden Girls, Roseanne and *The Simpsons*.

A letter mailed to AFF members in November of 1991 declares: "The sponsors listen to you more than they listen to the networks or the homosexual elite...Praise the lord! The homosexuals can scream all they want. But as long as we stand strong and continue to fight, we can win." Along with the letter, AFF members received postcards to mail off to various companies, denouncing their sponsorship of television programs that "promote homosexuality as a normal, acceptable, approved, alternative lifestyle." Companies are warned that unless they stop "promoting homosexuality on television," a boycott will ensue.

Unless a loud and proud queer voice is heard by the creators and sponsors of television programs, the AFF might very well succeed in its effort to rid television of the "homosexual menace." Already, the so-called "pro-homosexual" programs seem to be rapidly falling from the network's prime-time lineups. Writing recently in the "Datebook" section of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Steve Weinstein observed: "Nineteen years after ABC aired *That Certain Summer*, the first TV-film that openly dealt with homosexuality, 14 years after Billy Crystal starred as Richard Mulligan's gay stepson on *Soap*, shows about gays seem headed back into the closet."

The Power of Television

Way back in 1938, novelist E.B. White offered his own predictions about that new and startling invention known as "television." He wrote: "I believe television is going to be the test of the modern world, and that in this new opportunity to see beyond the range of our vision we shall discover either a new and unbearable disturbance of the general peace or a saving radiance in the sky." Television continues to test us, serving as both unbearable disturbance *and* saving radiance.

Call me naive, but I remain ever-hopeful about the positive contributions that can be made "beyond the range of our vision." Despite the medium's less-than-admirable treatment of lesbians and gays, television's prosocial potential is hard to ignore. The medium, uniquely global and personal, can reach into the heart of the nation as well as the soul of the individual.

Television does this in a way *no* other communications medium can, a point made especially well in one scene of the film *Longtime Companion*. In that scene, two male actors in a fictional soap opera prepare to kiss. Far from the televison studio, an astonished group of passersby watch as the gay kiss unfolds on multiple television screens in a store window. The kiss, projected to all corners of the global village, could not be ignored. That is the power of television.

This society, when it is not busy trying to kill us, likes very much to ignore us. Television, properly used, can play an important role in our refusal to be ignored. The medium can be, in effect, a *radiant disturbance* of the general peace—a disturbance long overdue.

It is, in the end, up to each of us—as either creators or consumers of television—to do what we can. Gays and lesbians will not live or die by television, of course. But, with some effort, we may be able to live better *because of television*. Prime-time will tell.

MCCR...

(continued from page 16)

Alison spoke. Alison—quiet Alison—with her beautiful English accent, took my heart to yet a deeper level. She had begun attending worship services some months ago after not having come for awhile. She had even signed up the last two weeks to serve as Greeter at the door welcoming everyone entering those evenings. I know that probably wasn't an easy thing for her to volunteer to do, given how quiet she is. Alison, however, had decided that she wanted to contribute to the church, and being Greeter was how she could help. As she spoke that night, she said she felt she had been one of the ones who had received a lot. She looked at me and told me how much I have given and meant to her. She told us all how this experience of church had helped heal brokenness inside. I was witnessing the best of this faith I so believe in. Tears began for me—only a few though. I was trying to "keep it together" to be able to facilitate the rest of this powerful meeting.

I had invited Linton Stables, a member of MCC's Northwest District Committee and of MCC San Francisco, to be with us that night. Linton and I are dear friends, having met over a decade ago. In 1985-86 we served as the pastoral leaders at MCC San Francisco while that church was in the process of choosing its next pastor. I began trying to summarize what we had all heard, when Linton interrupted me. "Everyone has spoken, Coni, except you. What are you feeling?" Well...that was it. All I had been feeling suddenly burst the dam inside and flooded forth. I buried my face in my hands as I couldn't hold back the sobbing. The only immediate words that were there to say were, "We've tried so hard!"

No one rushed over to try to comfort me. No one broke the silence of the pain with words to "rescue" the moment. Everyone in that room gave me the gift of allowing me those moments of flooding forth. They honored the pain in silence.

Then I told them how very proud I was of them. I explained that many MCC's are presently in this same position of trying to make it all work on too few resources—and that most will continue struggling to survive even at the expense of each other's emotional, spiritual or economic health. "To choose responsible closure is a courageous decision. Some may view this as 'having failed,' but they were not here to witness how powerfully the Spirit has just spoken tonight. No one has failed. If anything, it is a systemic problem which the denomination must address. What we have tried to do these past years is to strive to be truly present with one another, and we have challenged each other to love and care more deeply. And now it is clear by what you have had the courage to say tonight that we are to celebrate the years of ministry this church has had in Marin County—and to thank one another in a big way for how we all have grown!"

So, dear friends of the Bay Area, Sunday evening, Dec. 8th at 6:00 pm at Redwoods Presbyterian Church, 110 Magnolia Ave. in Larkspur, will be our *Celebration of Ministry*—and the last worship service of Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwoods. We want to celebrate with joy and with dignity and with integrity. As part of closure with integrity, we also hope to be able to retire the $2,800 MCCR still owes in outstanding debts.

Won't you come and celebrate with us to say goodbye to this institution of our Bay Area Community, and to say thanks to God for all the beautiful people she has placed in all of our lives? Please come and join us!

Melanin...

(continued from page 21)

SPECULATION: MECHANISM OF ACTION

What is surprising about these reports is how rapidly a substantial improvement has been seen—usually within one day of starting treatment. It seems unlikely that so rapid a change would result from reducing viral replication. The two theories which seem most consistent with the available information are (1) a placebo effect, and (2) that the drug may block harmful effects of gp120, a toxic protein produced by HIV which may be responsible for immune dysregulation and other pathogenic effects of HIV infection. Melanin did block the binding of gp120 to the CD4 receptor of cells (which is probably how gp120 causes harm) in the laboratory tests cited above.

If melanin does work by blocking gp120 (in addition to any effect it may or may not have on viral replication), then it might be especially useful late in the course of illness, when the gp120 levels are presumably high. It would not be the whole answer, however, as it apparently does not get into cells, so the virus in infected cells would still remain active.

If melanin does work this way, then theory suggests that viral resistance to it may be slow to develop. For if a drug blocks the harmful effect of gp120 on the body, without directly inhibiting the virus, then there would be no selective pressure on the virus to develop resistance. If the drug also works as an antiviral, then there would be such pressure. But the binding of gp120 to the CD4 receptor may be critical, and if so, viruses which changed the binding region would be unlikely to be able to infect cells.

It is too early to know for sure if the melanin is helpful, or if the reports from the human experience so far result from placebo effect and lucky coincidence. But clearly this potential treatment deserves serious attention immediately. The cited reports of patients' experiences came to us from three different people; all three are well known to this writer, very knowledgeable about HIV and skeptical of new-drug claims. All three learned what they told us from personal observation, not by hearing it from others.

A research organization could begin by sending a medical team to follow up the information available from the people who have used the treatment so far, interviewing and examining them and checking their medical records; this could be done without the ethical or legal complications (and resulting delays) of giving someone an untested drug. Also, it would take advantage of the two months of human experience already available. Perhaps the next step would be for other patients to start taking L-dopa melanin under the supervision of a research physician, who would make sure that the appropriate baseline and other research tests were done. A formal trial should begin as soon as possible; but at this time, no such trial is being planned.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

DATA (Direct Action for Treatment Access), a new research and advocacy organization, is collecting information on treatment uses of melanins. For the latest available information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a note requesting melanin information to: DATA, P.O. Box 60391, Palo Alto 94306, or phone (415) 323-6051.

Excerpted from AIDS Treatment News, *a twice-monthly newsletter available by subscription. For more information, send a SASE to: ATN, P.O. Box 411256, SF 94141, or call (800) TREAT-1-2.*

OPEN EXCHANGE

■ HELP WANTED

East Bay Housecleaners earning $7.50-$10 per hour. F/T East Bay residents sought to work in comfortable, progressive Berkeley cleaning company. Call 849-0695.

Work for Free Health Care for Women. Door-to-door fundraising positions available full/part time. Monday-Friday 5-9:30pm. Women's Needs Center. Call Elizabeth, 255-9849.

Noe Valley tax office looking for sharp friendly person with some tax experience (or H&R Block class graduate) to work 2-3 days per week from Jan. 2 through April 30. Call Faith Darling, 821-4744.

Program Coordinator—Operation Recovery: Half-time (full-time negotiable). $28K FTE plus excellent benefits. Non-residential alcohol and drug abuse treatment program for gay men, focusing on dual-diagnosis and HIV issues. Responsibilities include program development and implementation; clinical supervision of staff; contract reporting and compliance; some direct service; coordination with other agency programs internally and externally. Requires Master's degree in counseling, psychology or social work, clinical licensure or license eligible, alcohol/chemical dependency certification, management and supervisory experience. Knowledge of HIV and gay community experience essential. Recovering persons with 5+ years of sobriety and people of color especially encouraged to apply. Resumes by December 13 to: Director, Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94103. No phone calls please. **Clinician**: Half-time $24K to $26K FTE plus excellent benefits. Provide direct services in a program targeting HIV infected clients with mental health and substance abuse concerns, and their families. Requires a masters level degree in social work, psychology or counseling. People of color encouraged to apply. Resumes by December 13 to M. Bronnenberg, Dual Diagnosis Program Coordinator, 1853 Market St, San Francisco 94103. No phone calls please.

Office mgr., F/T, Lesbian/Gay Parade office, 2 yrs. gen'l office & acctg. exper. Busy phones, IBM/WP req. $1700/mo. Call 864-FREE, 9 am-1 pm, M-F.

Dog and cat brusher/bather. Professional experience required, for busy grooming shop. Tues-Sat. Call 626-7574.

Hot Men Wanted: Do you look hot or can you talk hot-n-sexy? We want you! Fun, easy part-time job promoting local 900 line. For more info call (619) 293-0288.

■ RESEARCH

Lesbian and gay childless couples, including those with relationship problems, needed for a paid UC Berkeley research project on committed relationships. Call 643-9306.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Facilitator Training for Women's Cancer Resource Center. Support group facilitators who have or have had cancer. Women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

Volunteers Needed: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. More info, call 548-WCRC.

■ PARENTING

Lesbian, economically secure, seeks HIV-negative GWM with healthy lifestyle to be known donor, and "uncle." Reply BT Box DC500A.

Eager donor available. Box 210471, SF 94121-0471.

Seeking co-parent or known donor? See Personals, "Shared Interests."

■ MARRIAGE

GWM seeks lesbian for fiscally beneficial union. Reply to Nick Butler, 441 Roehampton Rd, Hillsboro, CA 94010.

Lesbian couple—one American, one British—seek gay male couple—one American, one non-American, for dual marriages of convenience. (510) 832-6409.

2 white lesbians, British-German, seek 2 gay men. Reliable, stable, financially independent. Mutually beneficial marriage. Reply BT Box DC501A.

Intelligent GAM, 27, seeks lesbian for mutually beneficial marriage of convenience. Reply BT Box DC502A.

■ FOR SALE

Children's Books about gay and lesbian families and dealing with AIDS. $2.00 to Purple Crayon, 4110 Opal St, Oakland, CA 94609.

■ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Word Processing. My 10+ years experience will grind out your letters, documents, resumes, term papers, torts, abstracts, scripts, etc, etc. I'll pick up & deliver just to keep you happy. Now what would you pay? But wait, if you call now, I'll also throw in my invaluable opinion (just kidding). We can argue over rates—PWAs and starving students with hateful parents get a discount. Call Nick at 285-6018.

The Traveling Mechanic. Tune-ups, brakes, general repairs, foreign and domestic, 17 years extensive experience, all work guaranteed. $40 an hour, house calls. Giorgio 647-3403. Licensed and certified.

Hate Shopping? Call Judith for your holiday needs & errands. Dependable, courteous, affordable. Let Judith shop for you. (415) 431-8146.

Housesitter: Professional, comprehensive care by woman security officer. Cleaning, cats, mail and message service. Seeking 6 months to 1 year assignment starting January. Quiet, responsible, experienced with references. Susan 928-5301.

■ FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS?
Personal • Business
Bankruptcy
Chapter 13 • Chapter 11
Free initial consultation
20 Years of Experience
Over 1000 Cases
864 · 0449
Walter R. Nelson • Law Office

Accounting Systems. Computerized accounting startups and conversions for small business and nonprofits. Daniel J. Gordon & Associates. Free estimate. 864-3915.

Income Tax Preparation and Consultation. Late Filing—Amended Returns—IRS Problems—Tax Planning—Small Business Setup. Licensed to practice before IRS. Bill Krider, 431-2624.

■ VACATION RENTAL

Sallie & Eileen's Place, vacation cabins for women. Mendocino (707) 937-2028.

Holly's Place in Lake Tahoe. A wonderful women's retreat. Hike, hot tub, bicycles, ski—weather permitting, or relax by the fireplace. Private rooms, $50-$60, cottages, $85-$115. Twenty percent discount weekdays thru Dec. 15. Smoking permitted outside. Info and reservations: 1-(800) 745-7041.

Woodhaven, an alcohol and drug-free retreat for women in beautiful Mendocino County. Please call (707) 937-1546.

Russian River House. 4 bedrooms, on the river, private beach, 1 acre fenced yard, fireplace. $750/week, $300/weekend. 282-1109.

Wildflower Ridge. Secluded cabin for women on 2 acres of redwood forest. 3 miles to ocean, close to Mendocino. Kitchen $45/night. (415) 735-2079.

Wittwood. Serene, sunny, private studio on 2½ acres in Comptche. $70 per nite for 2 includes breakfast. Other meals avail. Masseuse in residence. 3½ hrs from SF, ½ hr to Mendocino. (707) 937-5486.

Russian River Getaway in the Redwoods. 2 bedroom, bath, living room, dining area, full kitchen, decks. 1 mile west of Guerneville. $150 weekend, $300 week. (415) 566-5451.

Russian River Log Cabin nestled amisdt redwoods of Cazadero. Sunny, private, fully equipped, TV/VCR, sleeps 6. Daily/weekly/monthly rates. (707) 632-5092.

A Lesbian Paradise! With 20 charming rooms. 100 mountain acres, pool, hot tub, hiking/skiing trails, spectacular fall colors, peace & privacy, we're your perfect vacation choice year round! Highlands Inn, Box 118 CU, Bethlehem, NH 03574. (603) 869-3978. Grace, Innkeeper.

Bellflower. Mendocino cabin for womyn. $45/night. Camping, $14/night. (707) 937-0783.

Sappho's Inn, hostel for womyn, near Fulton and Fillmore. Reasonable nitely, weekly, monthly rates. Call 775-3243.

PALM SPRINGS

GET AWAY FROM IT ALL AT A LUXURIOUS CONDO IN PALM SPRINGS. TWO BEDROOMS. TWO BATHROOMS. SWIMMING POOL. JACUZZI. TENNIS COURT. BBQ. AND A VIEW OF THE MOUNTAINS! ALL WITHIN MINUTES OF DOWNTOWN.

CALL 213-653-8541 FOR MORE INFORMATION

■ HOUSING EXCHANGE

Studio apt in Potrero Hill available. Rent may be all or partially exchanged for housekeeping/babysitting services. Pets & children considered. Lesbian household. 285-5118.

■ REAL ESTATE

Kathy Tysinger
503-287-1523
503-287-9370
Bridgetown Realty
Portland, Oregon

Get a Lot More for Your Money!
MOVE TO OREGON!

■ SUBLET

January-March 1992. Large house in safe, quiet area. Seven bright rooms. $900/month (negotiable). 387-9801.

■ APT TO RENT

East Bay: Very cute, light, newly remodeled studio with full kitchen, bath, storage, washer/dryer in nice, safe Grand Ave/Lake Merritt neighborhood. Separate entrance. Gorgeous backyard. Nonsmoking lesbian. Pet negotiable. $475 a mo. Linda 268-8949.

■ APT TO SHARE

4th clean & sober lesbian wanted for Pacific Heights Victorian flat. Private bathroom. No pets. $320. 474-2257.

Great room in gorgeous apartment to share with congenial slob. Fabulous apartment in inner Richmond district of SF will have room available in mid-January or early February. Sunny, spacious; hardwood floors, beautiful wood paneling and built-in cabinetry. Quiet, pretty neighborhood, walking distance to Clement Street and the Haight, one block from Golden Gate Park. Near Safeway, laundry, and several convenient bus lines (5, 21, 31, 33, and 38). I'm friendly and easy to get along with, and do in fact clean up reasonably often, but am not willing to deal with rules, schedules, or guilt about who cleans up how much and when. Ditto for music, loud sex, houseguests of less than a week. I don't smoke but don't care if you do. Cat great if it gets along with mine. Prefer woman, queer man also okay. Should be bi-positive, s/m positive, cat-positive. $390/month + ½ utilities. Greta, (415) 668-2824.

Women Wanted to share beautiful Edwardian flat near Dolores Park. Personal/political consciousness, consideration, respect and spiritual awareness a must. Sorry, no smoke, meat, drugs, alcohol or pets. We are 1 dyke and 1 straightish woman, students, working and actively engaging in life. 1 permanent and 1 temp or part-time roommate (neg) and 1 sublet for January (1/1-2/1). Rent $335-$445. Avail. Jan 1. Pls call 864-2743.

Large sunny room in 2BD flat near Duboce Park. Clean, nonsmoking lesbian 27+. $380. 621-6828.

Dolores St. Sunny, quiet 2 BD apt. Share with lesbian & 2 cats. Please be mature & responsible. No drugs, dogs or smoking. 641-5324, leave message.

Gorgeous, sunny top flat, HW, DW, pking, huge deck. 18th & Dolores. Lesbian, 39, entertainer, seeks dependable, mature, conscious roommate. $550. 863-6264.

Oakland. Friendly Jewish leftist lesbian (FJLL) seeks lesbian to share 2BR apt. No smoking/drugs. Cat considered. Large rooms, hardwood floors. Dyke neighborhod. 41st/Telegraph, near BART. $375. (510) 654-6976.

■ HOUSE FOR RENT

2 bedroom house, Oakland near Mills. Perfect for couple. $950. Call 532-4635.

■ HOUSE TO SHARE

Female Roommate wanted to share cozy Oakland cottage. $292.50 a month + ½ utilities. Near Lake Merritt and Piedmont. Big backyard and fireplace. No pets please, I have 3 cats already. I am an open, easygoing, reasonably neat woman of 25 who is looking for a queer positive, sex positive woman of roughly my age who doesn't smoke in the house. Available 12/7/91. Liz (510) 839-6259.

Sunset District. Female roommate wanted to share big, bright 4BR/2BA house with nonsmoking lesbians. Ocean view, fireplace, yard, W/D, close to streetcar; pets OK. $320/mo + ¼ utilities. Available Jan 1. 759-5203.

Gay man seeks roommate to share his three bedroom, three bath home in Brisbane (10 minutes south of San Francisco). Wall to wall carpet, electric kitchen, washer-dryer, large deck, garage. Very safe, quiet, and sunny area. No smokers/no pets. Rent negotiable. Call Robert (415) 467-7714.

Jewish lesbian, 33; Irish lesbian, 43, w/cat; seek responsible, fun-loving housemate to share 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom house in quiet, sunny, ethnic San Francisco neighborhood. Amenities include living room w/fireplace, W/D, large yard, garage space, security system, pleasant surroundings. No smokers/substance abusers. Pet considered. Available January 1. $440+ utilities. Shelley or Michelle, 641-0811.

Lesbian wanted to rent large 1½ rooms with ½ bath in charming house near Mills College. Separate entrance. Access to kitchen and bathroom upstairs. Huge yard, dog okay. No smokers. $375! Call Susan at 632-3847 after 12/8.

Orinda: Quiet, friendly guy to share home with neat, considerate nonsmoker. Male or female. No pets. $600. 254-4257.

Oakland lesbian with dog seeks catless lesbian to share wonderful spacious home. $487.50. (510) 531-2444.

Nonsmoking, dog-loving lesbian to share 3-bedroom Oakland house with 2 lesbians, 2 dogs. (510) 839-3375. No more pets.

Oakland woman seeks roommate. Bedroom in large house near Mormon Temple. 2 bathrooms, deck, patio, view, fireplace, washer/dryer. $400. No smoking/drugs. 482-0509.

Mansion for Select Group Forming: El Cerrito, panoramic 3-bridge Bay views. 4000 sq ft + decks/patios. Shared focus: International exchange/trade experiments beginning with China/Russia. Musicians encouraged. Boy age 10 present part-time (similar welcome). $400-700 month-to-month. 527-9307.

Diamond Heights: Lesbian or gay professional wanted to share spacious, sunny home with panoramic view. We're a lesbian, gay man and 2 cats seeking a third person for a 1-yr sublet (possibly longer). We smoke but aren't put out if you don't. Fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, AEK, garage. $533. Available Jan. 1. 285-6018.

■ COUNSELING & THERAPY

New Men's Group & Individual Therapy
- Love/Sex/Relationship
- Pain/Fear/Anger
- Understand/Express Yourself

(510) 297-4970
Thomas Kelem, MFCC Intern IMF14149
Supervisor: Joan Monheit, LCSW (LSC 10832)

Carol Fiul, M.F.C.C.
COUNSELING
• Self-Esteem • Life Transitions
• Illness & Injury • Relationships
Change Oriented Counseling for Individuals and Couples
MFC25471
(415) 905-5766

RON FOX, M.A., MFCC
COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY
INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES
- **Relationships**
- **Stress**
- **Intimacy**
- **Coming out issues**
- **HIV/AIDS/ARC concerns**
- **Grief and loss counseling**
- **Co-dependency**
- **ACA/dysfunctional family issues**
- **Self-esteem**
- **Depression**
- **Sexuality**

Insurance/Sliding Scale
License # MFC 22194
SAN FRANCISCO 751-6714

SEX COUNSELING/EDUCATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES

Impotency
Premature Ejaculation
Sexuality Shutdowns
AIDS/ARC/HIV Issues
Relationships & Intimacy
Separation & Grieving

C. RODGER MORALES, SEXOLOGIST
(415) 431-6995
California State Certified Instructor of Safe Sex

Marlene Ritchie, MS, MFCC
M.F.C.24627

Individual, Couple & Group Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Relationships
- Self-esteem
- Co-dependency
- Transitions
- Intimacy
- Depression
- Recovery
- Grief

(415) 431-5778

Abby Kovalsky, MSW
LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
Individual, Family Group Therapy
Disability/Home Visits
(415) 587-6373 LIC. LSO12343

Taya King MA, MFCC
psychotherapy
Lic. # MFC 27287
Individual
Couples
Groups
(415) 472-3329
offices:
Marin
San Francisco

Couples Counseling. Counseling for lesbian couples. Conflict resolution, communication skills, intimacy issues. **Toni Heffernan, MFCC.** Berkeley or Benicia. (510) 357-5183 or (707) 745-0582.

Lesbians in Crisis. Insurance accepted, sliding scale. Older, caring lesbian therapist. Brief or long-term issues of relationship, anxiety, addiction, and personal growth. Bonnie Crosse, MFCC, EdD. Berkeley & SF. (510) 569-1258.

Transsexuals & Transvestites Individual, couple, & group consultation focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, coming out, cross-dressing, and whole-self integration. Call Gender & Self-Acceptance Program 558-8058.

Therapist Shopping Tip #1 "My last therapist was like a stone wall, she never smiled or laughed." You **are** seen and heard by a caring and warm professional. Working with: grief & loss, relationship & sex addiction, eating disorders, codependence, early sobriety, artists & creativity issues. **Suzanne R. Fried**, MA, MFCC. Lic #MFC28412. (510) 428-9397. SF & East Bay.

Feeling overwhelmed? Missing your life? **Marjory Nelson, PhD** is a compassionate, intuitive **hypnotherapist** with broad experience & a sense of humor. Sliding scale. 647-2845.

Chana Wilson, MFCC (MFC#28819). Supportive and in-depth therapy for individuals and couples: relationships; grief; life transitions; recovery from childhood abuse, addictions, and codependency; enhancing self-esteem and creativity. SF and Oakland. Insurance accepted. (510) 654-7560.

Experienced Therapist offers individual, couples and crisis counseling. Also issues related to bisexuality, AIDS, grief and loss. Wilma Bass, MFCC (#MA 021174). 821-1682.

Feminist Therapist: Through a down-to-earth approach in a supportive atmosphere, I offer short-term and in-depth counseling to individuals and couples. Sliding scale, insurance, Rockridge. **Barbara Kaimowitz, MFCC**. 547-2354.

SF Financial District-Psychotherapy for individuals and couples. Addressing anxiety, stress, depression, lack of meaning, career, co-dependence, drug/alcohol use, eating problems, AIDS, loss, sexuality, intimacy. Marilyn Girard, MFCC; 13 years experience. Insurance, sliding scale. SF and Berkeley. (415) 843-2998.

Do you feel stuck? Therapy for individuals and couples in a supportive atmosphere. **Mathile Rothschild, PhD, LCSW**. Specializing in healing the inner child, midlife, aging, AIDS, grief. SF. 826-6230.

Counseling in Walnut Creek Available to help you resolve problems with lovers, friends, or family; overcome loneliness and depression. Seek help now from experienced professional who understands and cares. Call Counseling and Education for Well-Being—938-7445.

Steady, Caring Lesbian therapist familar with life transitions, grief, relationship, substance abuse and recovery issues. Mary Butler, MFCC 28304., 549-0324. Berkeley & SF. SS $40-70.

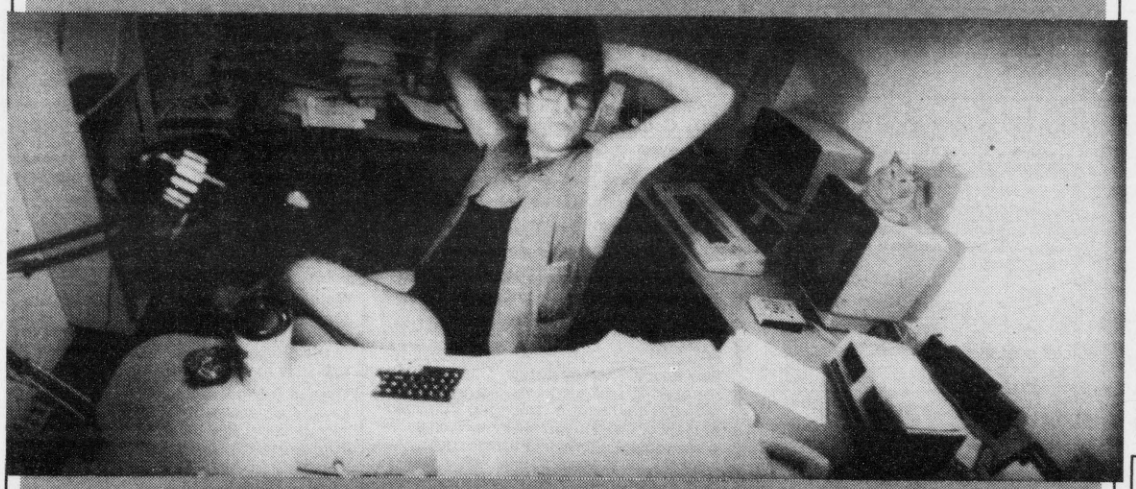
Supportive Approaches to Self-Empowerment. Psychotherapy and consultation for lesbians and gay men with stress, relationship, family, codependency, recovery, abuse, incest, disability, HIV or sexuality issues. Experienced, licensed psychologist (PSY 10607). Castro area. Insurance accepted. **Diane Gray, PhD. 648-3883**.

Seeking an Interactive Therapist?. I am a gentle, down to earth and experienced therapist.

Typesetter Wanted

This Job's For You!!

Receptionist Miss Niq Shelbi, who has doubled as SF Bay Times' typesetter in her spare time in recent months, is off on a month-long vacation, traveling throughout Europe and the land of her ancestors, Russia. Upon her return, Miss Shelbi (a.k.a. "Mother") will devote herself to her reception duties full time, and will need to spend her busy off hours perfecting her nails.



Can you fill her shoes? (they're large)
Permanent work, 3-4 days every other week (evening and weekend hours available.)
Experience with Compugraphic MCS needed.

Send us your resume right away!
SF Bay Times, 288 7th Street, San Francisco 94103.

Photo by Marc Geller

I will listen to you with warmth and understanding. I will give you feedback. I especially enjoy working with codependency, intimacy and relationships, self-esteem, boundaries, getting in touch with feelings, and healing from childhood abuse, including incest. I am sensitive to people in recovery, East-West approaches, and newcomers to therapy. Convenient Noe Valley location. First session free. **Scott Eaton, MFCC** (#MFC23906). 648-6365.

Experience hypnosis. Especially helpful for smoking, habits, exam anxiety, childhood memories, self-esteem issues. Phone Master Hypnotist Sally Smith. Office in the Castro. 864-2049.

Are You Feeling Energy-Less? Or Drained? Or anxious? Are you having emerging memories? Caring, responsive therapist experienced in working with those feelings. Ruby Neal, MA (MFCCI #IMF19386). Sliding scale, Berkeley & SF (415) 346-8202.

Pamela Ledgerwood, MFCC, specializes in transpersonal psychology, creative arts therapy, empowering women. Individuals, couples. Sliding scale. Marin. (415) 924-4852.

Lesbian Therapist who loves her work has times available for people seeking more satisfaction in their relationships, work, creativity, sexuality, or spirituality. I have 19 years experience in counseling, bodywork, and expressive arts. Call to talk: Sybil Meyer 658-0636 (MFCC #21672). East Bay.

Mary Paige, MFCC. Self-esteem, adoption, eating disorders, sexuality. Individual, couple & family work. SF and Oakland. Lic #MFC28004. 337-7005.

Hypnotherapy combined with psychotherapy. Hypnotherapy, as an enhancement to psychotherapy, when appropriate, can facilitate the retrieval of early experience and be extremely useful in the treatment of difficulties that involve habit, life energy and goals, and the recovery of memory and emotion. Longterm or time-limited, succinct depth work. **Rochelle Wald, LCSW, Certified Hypnotherapist.** Sliding scale. 826-8215.

Therapy Is Empowerment. Individuals, couples, & families. Expertise in addictions, recovery, ACA, codependency, depression, loss, grief, anxiety, transitions, relationships, intimacy, self-esteem, incest, healing childhood abuse from dysfunctional family systems. Supervision and consultation available. **Specializing in cross-cultural issues. Se habla espanol. Micaela Lovett, MFCC** (MFCC #23665). 566-9665.

Supportive in-depth psychotherapy for individuals & couples with an experienced, interactive therapist. Call **Sharon Gregory**, MFCCI #15613, **627-4035**. Berkeley office, insurance accepted. Supervised by Jeanette Gurevitch LCSW #LT11038.

Supportive Psychotherapy for individuals, coules and groups. Karen S. Miller, MFCCI #19688. Specializing in self-esteem issues, spirituality, diabetes and other health concerns (including HIV), substance abuse and domestic violence. 528-3545 (Berkeley). Supervised by Toni Heffernan, MFCC.

Gay and Lesbian Families. Psychotherapy for gay men and lesbians with grief, abuse, incest, relationship and dysfunctional family issues. Special skills with children of gay and lesbian parents. Experienced, licensed psychologist (Psy 11204), insurance accepted. **Mark Jensen, Psy.D. 563-7543.**

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has been providing careful, confidential therapy referrals to East Bay women therapists since 1971. Sliding scale, insurance. Please call for an appointment. 843-2949.

Lesbian Therapy Referral Service provides prompt referrals to experienced lesbian therapists. We help you find a therapist that is right for you. Individuals, couples, and groups. No fee for referrals. Sliding scale counseling fees. Call (510) 215-1152.

Affordable psychotherapy for individuals and couples. Claudia Hartley, IMF16754 (supervisor: Maggie Hochfelder, MFC20916). North Oakland location. (510) 532-4635.

Toni Heffernan, MFCC. Individual long term or brief therapy. Specializing in healing from childhood trauma; incest, physical and emotional abuse; lesbian issues, divorce, parenting issues, disability and chronic illnesses, coming out, depression, anxiety, lesbian couples. Hypnotherapy offered. Offices in Berkeley and Benicia. (510) 357-5183 or (707) 745-0582.

Couples Counseling. Lesbian therapist offering short-and-long term counseling for lesbian, gay and bisexual couples. **Deborah Yarock**, MFCCI #IMF19464. Supervisor, Annette Brands, MFCC #MI 19320. 905-5797.

Have You Been Hurt or experienced major loss? You can move through shock toward healing. Experienced, licensed Montclair area therapist will work with you to help you regain a sense of balance and safety. Helen Montgomery Lockwood, MFCC. (510) 339-9492.

Gabi Kramer, MFCC, Hypnotherapist. Experienced, mature therapist offers cost-effective counseling for couples and individuals. Specializing in intimacy and communication issues, fair fighting, and anger release techniques, enhancing self esteem, inner child regression and healing; recovery from addictions, incest, codependency. (510) 841-8242.

Kathy Glaser, MFCC. Offering long-term reparative psychotherapy, brief, issue-oriented work, hypnosis, sandplay, couples counseling. Sliding scale; Saturday hours. 922-8812.

Lesbian Feminist Therapist interested in wholeness and change within a warm, supportive environment. Especially sensitive to struggles with childhood abuse, dysfunctional families of origin, mentally ill family members, relationship difficulties. Also extensive work with adolescents. Fee: $40-$65. Insurance accepted. **Sal Risinger, LCSW** (LCS 12948). Berkeley. (510) 654-4511.

I teach you **Focusing**, a self-help mind/body skill, to speed our in-depth therapy work. Incest, dysfunctional family, inner child, spirituality. **Judy Schavrien, PhD**, MFCC. 648-1318.

Serving the Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay Communities for 20 Years

MAGGI RUBENSTEIN
RN, MFCC, PhD

Counseling
Psychotherapy
Sexology

Individuals
Couples
Groups

INSURANCE
SLIDING SCALE
SF (415) 584-0172

MM 008794
RN 83232

When You Need to Find the Right Therapist...

Therapy Network, the original non-profit Therapy Referral Service serving the Bay Area since 1982, will find a therapist to suit your individual, couple or family needs. Call to let us know of your situation and for no cost we'll promptly match you with a licensed, qualified, gay, lesbian or heterosexual therapist that's right for you... East Bay, SF and Marin.

Therapy Network — *The Original Therapy Referral Service*

CALL US TODAY — 769-3812

■ THERAPY/SUPPORT GROUPS

Bisexuality. Ongoing bisexual men's support group. Individual & couple counseling also available. Ron Fox, MA, MFCC (License #ML022194). (415) 751-6714.

Gay Men's Therapy: ongoing group to address quality-of-life issues, self-esteem, relationships, fear of intimacy, depression, AIDS anxiety, internalized homophobia, codependency and other issues. Sliding scale/insur. Info: John Beeman, MA, MFCC (lic. MFC23838): 626-6196.

Partners of People with AIDS: Where does the caregiver go to meet **his** needs? A support & growth group for gay men whose lovers have AIDS. Gordon Murray, MFCC. 552-2801.

New Support Group Forming for Lesbian Partners and Lesbian Friends of Lesbians With Cancer. Share your thoughts and feelings with other lesbians who are experiencing cancer through their lover and close friends. For free. For more information call Women's Cancer Resource Center 548-WCRC.

Do you compulsively overeat, binge, purge? Join a safe, supportive group to learn about these behaviors and ways to change. Individual therapy also available. Ilene Gould, PhD. (415) 771-3068.

Gay Men's Therapy Group. Ongoing group has opening. Learn about yourself by interacting with other gay men in a challenging and supportive setting. Develop yourself interpersonally, express yourself openly and directly, get honest feedback. Thursdays 6:30-8:00, Castro location, $35/session. Call Gordon Murray, MFCC: 552-2801 or Mark Lodico, MA: 863-2898.

Gay Men's Support Group opening. This group is designed to build inner support systems to promote self-acceptance, as well as outer support systems. The goal of the group is to create a safe place to explore what you want from life, identify needs, clarify goals, define intimacy issues, cope with addictions, grieve losses. Meets on Tuesday evening in San Francisco. Intake interview required. Led by experienced counselor, over 12 years of experience. For information call George Noland, (415) 661-9443. Individual counseling also available.

■ RELATIONSHIP THERAPY/SUPPORT GROUPS

New group for women on codependence and addiction to relationships for women who are sad and frustrated about how love turns out for them; who lose themselves in others, put their own needs aside, take care of others at their own expense. Get support, explore feelings, develop new behaviors and improve self-esteem. Info/res: Marilyn Girard, MFCC. Lic #MG 18866. 843-2998. Individual and couple therapy also available.

■ RECOVERY ADDICTION/ SUPPORT GROUP

Ongoing Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families Group for Gay Men. Call Dan Joy, LCSW 285-6067 or Scott Madover, PhD 929-0778 for more info.

Adult Daughters of Alcoholics ACA Group. New group forming. The focus will be on your family of origin, and how your role within the family has prevented you from making the changes in your life that you had hoped for. SF and East Bay locations. Call: Randi Hepner, MFCC at 601-6262. Individual therapy also available. **Insurance accepted**.

Lesbian A.C.A.

New Therapy Group Begins January '92
Call for sceening interview

Chez Touchatt, MFCC, LCSW

(415) 821-6039

LIC MT016090 LJI3829

■ INCEST/BATTERY THERAPY/SUPPORT GROUPS

Lesbians Overcoming Violence: New group forming on Wed evenings. Violence destroys trust, self-esteem and relationships. This group is for lesbians who want to change their patterns of rage, abuse & violence and live a life free from violence. Morgaine Wilder, MA, MFCC. 431-6564.

Women's support group forming for **ritual abuse survivors**. Share your story and your healing. Small, safe group meets weekly. Free. (510) 534-9928.

Adult Survivors of Incest Foundation

(415) 543-1133

We are a non-profit psychotherapeutic center. ASIF specializes in assisting women and men on their journey of healing from the childhood trauma of being sexually abused.

We offer individual, couple, and group psychotherapies.

■ WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

Art Classes. Both beginning and advanced artists sometimes feel self-doubt about their work. Making art is a way to rediscover and release our creativity. My classes are structured into three distinct, yet related areas: skills and technique, instructor and peer criticism, and exploration of aesthetic and intellectual precepts and theories. A unique and supportive environment for anyone wishing to discover new approaches to creativity. For more information call 863-5138.

Orals Preparation for LCSW and MFCC licensure. Experience with both exams. Individual or small group consultations available. Margie Cohen, LCSW 524-0738.

Women Loving Women Workshops. Identify core blocks to intimacy. Create loving permanent partnerships. "You can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results!" **Phone: (510) 482-1531 for brochure**.

Tired of Being Single? DATING TO RELATE, a nine-week workshop, will teach you dating and intimacy skills. Call Blue Oak Therapy Center, (510) 649-9818 and request a flyer for more information.

Coming Out One-Day Workshops for women new to woman-loving feelings/identity. (40 minutes south of SF). S/S $35-50 per day. Call Dotty Calabrese (415) 968-1981.

Over 40, Single and Looking: Lesbian weekend workshop, chem-free. 2/7-9 (again 6/5-7, all ages). 2 hours south of SF. Discuss meeting new women, dating, loneliness, sex & more. S/S $175-250. Call Dotty Calabrese (415) 968-1981.

Bar Tutoring. Individual tutoring for the essay & performance sections of the Bar Exam. Call (510) 601-0533.

French Class: Native speaker, credentialed teacher. $200/8 sessions including evaluation; improvement guaranteed. 206-9293 Leah.

Lesbian Couples Group. Workshop format. **Meets four hours, one Saturday per month**.

Next Deadline for Classifieds: Dec 13

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or neatly print your ad exactly as you wish it to appear. Regular type is 55 cents per word, **bold type** is 95 cents per word. Add up the total cost of your ad. If you wish your ad to appear in more than one issue, multiply the number of times you wish your ad to run times the cost of the ad. If you run the same ad copy for 6 consecutive issues, you can deduct a 10 percent discount from the total.

SFBT OPEN EXCHANGE REPLY BOX MAIL PICK UP OR FORWARDING: If you do not have a PO box and do not wish to use your name, address or phone number in your Open Exchange ad, you may rent a SFBT Open Exchange Reply Box for $10. You may pick up your mail during regular business hours. You must bring picture ID to pick up your mail at the office. If you are unable to pick up your mail, you may order SFBT mail forwarding for an extra $10. Mail will be forwarded weekly. All boxes remain active for two months.

AD COPY DEADLINE is Friday afternoon at 6PM prior to the week of publication. All ad copy must reach us by that date—no exceptions. Ads cannot be taken over the phone. **All** ads must be prepaid. No refunds. Changes in ongoing ad copy cost $5 each, in addition to any cost for extra words.

Suggested Category: _____

Ad Copy: _____

☐ Check here if you wish to order a CU! Open Exchange Reply Box

_____ number words **bold** type at 95 cents per word . . . . . = _____

_____ number words regular type at 55 cents per word . . . . . = _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . = _____

_____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . = _____

Discount for 6 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . . = _____

for 16 or more insertions: subtract 15% of total cost of ad . . . . . = _____

for 26 or more insertions: subtract 20% of total cost of ad . . . . . = _____

TOTAL COST OF AD INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNT: . . . . . = _____

☐ Enclose $10 for Open Exchange Reply Box . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $20 for Open Exchange Reply Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone (days) _____ (eves) _____

MAIL COUPON TO: SF BAY TIMES CLASSIFIEDS, 288 7TH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

This coupon is for 'Open Exchange' (classified) only. For personal ads refer to the coupon in that section

January-June, 1992. Learn new techniques, practice with partner. Nyla Gladden, LCSW/Marcia Perlstein, MFCC. (510) 548-1288/(510) 486-1662.

■ CONFERENCES/RETREATS

Women's Weekend Yoga Retreats. Beautiful rural Sonoma County. Beginning, intermediate levels. Delicious vegetarian food. Comfortable accomodations. Call (707) 431-0615 for more information, 1992 schedule. Starts January 17, 18, 19. Fee: $165.

Treat yourself to a weekend of creative play, movement, and delicious food at the Ocean with teacher and artist who have led workshops for 20 years. (510) 672-9314.

■ SCHOOLS

Finally... A Gay Traffic School. If you get a traffic ticket come & spend a fun day with friends; classes at MCC. Call for more info. 1-(800) 748-5933. TVS #00557.

■ HEALTH

The
ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE

Rediscovering a way of well being
with ease
poise
balance
naturally.

Jill E. Togawa

415•626•4836

■ MASSAGE & BODY WORK

ROSEN METHOD BODYWORK

Physical and emotional awareness through relaxation. Touch is non-intrusive, yet powerful.

For physical pain, recovery, incest, abuse, personal growth, other professionals.

This ad entitles you to my 2 for 1 special.

CAROL WATSON, RMP, CMT 488-0738

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER: AMTA

Swedish Esalen Massage
Ortho-Bionomy™
Shiatsu

Terri Moon
Certified Massage Therapist
Women only S.F. location
20% OFF FIRST VISIT

(415) 550-7463

East Bay Beautiful Male Massage, Blond Body Electric grad. Swedish oil &/or barefoot Shiatsu. Private sundeck, hot shower & EZ parking. $60-90 minutes. **Seamus (415) 848-2625**.

"NY Touch". New to Bay Area. Techniques are tailored to meet **your** specific need, incorporating Swedish, deep tissue, oriental (Amma), in a nurturing, supportive environment. Sliding scale. Licensed AMTA member. Women clientele. Men by referral only. Gloria 666-3061.

Rosen Method Bodywork: A deepening process. For personal growth and relaxation. This bodywork increases awareness of what is holding you back from living with more aliveness: it can bring powerful changes to your life. I have 15 years of experience working with depression, self-acceptance, stress, incest survivors, addiction and ACA recovery, creativity and spiritual growth. Certified, Rosen Method Practitioner, SF. **Mehva Renaye, 239-7873**.

Massage for Women. Swedish/Shiatsu. Intuitive bodywork relaxes muscles, improves circulation and balances energy. Be cared for and enjoy a greater sense of well-being with a soothing professional massage from Leigh, 285-8535. Noe Valley. Sliding scale. Gift certificates.

Wanna Melt? An amazingly good massage. 18th & Noe. Certified. $35. Jim 864-2430.

Warm Hands, Warm Heart: Nurturing, relaxing. Unhurried massage. Sliding scale. Johnny 567-2952.

Elbow Grease—experienced CMT, integrated acupressure, women only. Noe/Mission. Lisa 648-0436.

Shiatsu and Acupressure Massage. Experienced with sports therapy. Gentle or deep massage in your home. Non-sexual only, SF or East Bay. $25/½ hour, $35/1 hour. Energy positive, health positive work for stress relief and injury treatment, chronic or acute. Liz 839-6259 before 9 pm.

Deep therapeutic massage, acupuncture and herbal medicine for stress, injuries, illnesses, immune enhancement. Licensed. Yohana Knobloch 626-6026. Introductory discount.

Room Service: Massage for men. Young athlete. Refreshing and sensual. In/out. Kory 773-9130.

$25 Massage! And a great one, too. Relaxing, professional bodywork in the comfort of your own home. Swedish/deep work. Eastbay women only. Loren 549-1720, leave message.

Bodytherapy for Women. Using gentle touch, guided meditation, play & creative movement for release of limiting postures & patterns. Regain feeling, expression & joy safely throughout your body. Private sessions, groups & workshops. **Cress Forester (415) 826-2135**.

Massage for Wimmin Only. Swedish, Shiatsu, deep tissue, reflexology. Certified bodyworker. Will also consider sensual/erotic massage. Crystal (415) 626-7150.

Masterful male massage by spirited healing man. $35/hr. Miguel 648-6865.

Swedish massage for relaxation & therapy. CMT. Marin. Till 8 pm (415) 454-4491.

Downtown Massage in a quiet, safe space. ½-1 hr deep neck, shoulder, back. Joseph Held, CMT 775-2927. Also available uptown.

■ PSYCHIC & SPIRITUAL

JACK FERTIG

ASTROLOGICAL CONSULTATIONS

Birthcharts
Forecasting
Compatability
Planning

415•864•8302

■ HOME SERVICES

Office or Home Cleaned. Regular service or one-time jobs. References. Jane Cleland, 661-3878.

Wood Fences and Gates. Walls, walks, patios. Concrete, brick, block, flagstone. Free estimate. References. License #543983. Lynda 759-1335.

Landscapes by Lynda. Complete installation and maintenance service: cleanups, expert pruning, planting, lawns, irrigation. Fences, gates, retaining walls. Brick and stone masonry. License #543983. References. Free estimates. 759-1335.

Extra Care Cleaning. Experienced, reliable, thorough. Call Pat 550-7103.

Five Star Firewood. Keep the home fires burning! Free delivery. 467-5813.

Sappho's Inn, Hostel for Women, opening soon; needs donations: Bunk beds, beds, household goods, furniture, etc. Call 292-7044 to arrange for pick-up.

GREEN CONSTRUCTION
General Building Contractor
New Construction
Remodeling
License #561745

Cheryl Green
(415) 848-9755

PLUMBING SERVICE AND REPAIR
SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING

PLUG BUSTERS

495-7586

IMMEDIATE 7 DAY 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

TILE
- Installation & Design
- Ceramic, Marble, Granite, Slate
- Free Estimates

Carl Johnson ■ (415) 753-2575

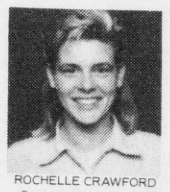
Kitchen and Bath Design

Remodelling
Renovation
Interior Design

Judy Romann
(510) 644-3166
Call evenings and weekends

LOCK SERVICE

Call 621-0215 for:
- Rekeying
- Repairs
- Master Key Systems
- Installations



ROCHELLE CRAWFORD
Contractor Lic. no.554283

Woman owned
• Bonded

CRAWFORD LOCK SERVICE

CARPENTRY PLUS +

Carpentry, Painting, Sheetrock Repair, Ceilings, Walls, Minor Electrical, Decks, Additions, Bookcases, New Doors and Windows, Lofts, Special Projects, and Light Hauling

Deena Clevenson, 979-4395
Free Estimates

■ MOVING SERVICES

Low Rates Rubbish Hauling Clean up & Gardening. Muse 467-0583.

Reliable Relocations. 2 men, $52/hr most jobs. Large enclosed truck. 621-5164.

HAULING, etc. Call Bill (415) 441-1054.

FAST, FRIENDLY & RELIABLE
MOVING
227-6191
24' Truck,Pads/Dollies

"When you have to be sure that your move is right"

GEMINI MOVERS
558-9926

Specialists in office & households
Licensed & Insured
CAL. T - 142874

EAST BAY MEN'S GROUPS
INTIMACY DATING
MAN TO MAN CONNECTION
CALL ROB: (510) 932-2437

Gay and Alone?

- A matching system that works.
- Discreet and confidential.
- Affordable ($20 and up).
- Guaranteed satisfaction.
- *Why be alone?*

Call today for a free brochure.

ComQuest™
Matching Gay Men since 1982
1-800-633-6969
Toll free - 24 hours

Pacific Singles Dating Services
1-900-844-EROS
(1-900-844-3767)

- Meet gays and lesbians in the Bay Area. We are a local service!
- Find your match with a personal ad recorded in your own voice!!
- Use the private voicemail system to contact that special person.

Inexpensive. Fun and easy.
Just 95 cents per minute

Leave a FREE Personal Ad
(415) 956-0727

■ MESSAGE

Carry a Whistle
Get Help/Give Help Fast

■ MODELS, ESCORT & MASSAGE

Executives! Hairy-Chested Masseur, 33, 6', 180#, at your service, Sir. **Dave:** (408) 741-5376 (Masculine, groomed, attractive, respectful).

Nude Complete Massage by handsome man, downtown SF. (415) 398-2441. Doug 24 hrs.

$30 Erotic Massage. Bill (415) 441-1054. Hot! Will travel.

Wimmin Only. Certified bodyworker willing to perform sensual/erotic massages. Also available as escortress for wimmin to local events. Camille—(415) 626-7150.

■ PERSONALS

Gay Men! Lesbians! Get in touch. Someone is waiting! 1-(900) 844-1411. 98 cents. Record free: (415) 392-5683.

Lonely. Looking for a friend/lover. We can help. Call Infinity, a matching service for gay men. 1-(800)-334-2366. Leave name/address. We send application in a plain envelope.

Bears: Free phone sex for bears! All live, hot talk! Private phone party for other bears in the San Francisco area. (415) 391-5070.

Daddy: Free phone sex party for Daddies and their boys! Hot, live. (415) 391-6302.

Gang Phone Sex: Your free number to talk with up to 9 hot guys going at it all together. (415) 391-6302.

Hardcore: S/M, leather, domination. Free phone sex! (415) 391-5073.

Fetish of the Week Club: This week's fetish: **breakfast burritos**.

Fetish of the Week Club: Next week's fetish: **obergine**.

That's Disgusting!

CENSORED

THE ORIGINAL SLEAZE LINE
Note Our New Number!
1-900-505-6922
Record your message free!
415-296-0678
$1 min • $2 first min

"FOR MEN ONLY"

Find That Great Guy

1-900-505-2580
44 cents per half min.

Signorile...

(continued from page 11)

How have the media changed in the past few years with regards to gay stuff?

It's amazing. The whole outing thing has made it such that the media will just not participate in actually lying—making someone heterosexual. Outing is still a huge issue for the media, but outing has made asking acceptable. If a person is rumored to be gay, many more interviewers are inclined to ask the question. Dolly Parton, Whitney Houston, Sandra Bernhard, George Michael, Madonna—they've all been asked. We're really seeing the media trying—and 90 percent of them are heterosexual.

The other thing is television—this group is trying hard to portray the reality of America. What we're seeing in the sitcoms, and a lot of the shows, are gay characters, because the people writing the shows have gay friends, or they're gay themselves. They're not regular characters yet, because the networks are probably still afraid of what'll happen. But they sneak them in on a special episode.

Life Goes On *has an HIV-positive high school student.*

Right. This goes back to what I was saying about how pop culture changes things.

I have a 14-year-old brother. My mother is insane, like every mother—more insane, because she's Italian and Catholic. (Laughs.) Every time I'm in the paper, she gets a little nervous, and says, "You'd better talk to your brother." Really, she's saying, "You'd better talk to me." And whenever I talk to my brother, he's *fine*.

During the whole Pete Williams thing, I went out to Staten Island, and I said to my brother, "Are you sure you're okay about me being gay?" He said, "Sure—I have gay friends. And I was watching *90210*, and there was that gay guy on there." And he mentioned six different TV shows with gay characters, and they were all healthy portrayals. I thought, "He does know what gay is. The culture is starting to tell him."

It made me realize that he's living in a different world than even I grew up in.

PALM TREES, PREMIERES AND BARRY DILLER

That brings us to that bastion of hypocritical closeted behavior: Hollywood.

The truth is that we shouldn't be having to sneak things in, because Hollywood is run by a lot of gay people. There should be no homophobia. The problem, of course, is that those people are selling a product to America and the world, and they're always worried about their money.

We have to go in, very business-like, and say, "We don't care about your money. We are getting beaten up in the streets. You are contributing to that, and it has to stop." The Black and Jewish communities have done this. Blatant racism and anti-Semitism are *not acceptable* in films.

The fact that these people are gay gives us that much more leverage. We have to really make these people look like scum.

What tactics get us in the door?

There are three power bases in this country: New York, L.A. and Washington, D.C. My theory is that if everybody on the East Coast concentrated on New York and Washington—organizing demos in D.C. with support from New York—and if everyone on the West Coast worried about Hollywood—with SF providing the numbers to Hollywood like New York provides the numbers to Washington—I think we'd be really powerful.

A lot of activists see attacking Hollywood as different, as "cultural." It's *political* activism. It's about power and oppression. A lot of people who deal with Washington think it's not as important to attack Hollywood. Yet Hollywood—even in the last decade—has so much more of an effect on our lives.

Most people don't see the importance of *changing* the negative images. They see homophobic film images as a by-product of this anti-gay attitude in society and not as *contributing* to our oppression. They think if we change the laws, we'll change that. But changing the images is an important part of changing the laws.

Ultimately, we're gonna get more done in Hollywood than we are in Washington. Hollywood portrayals affect Washington: politicians vote on what the society tells them about queers. If the societal images are suddenly positive, my theory is that it will change the way people vote.

We're almost going about it ass-backwards. We're asking politicians to be brave and do something the entire society and their constituencies hate. It'd be nice to change those constituencies, so that politicians don't have to take those risks and be so courageous.

My experience in activism is that government is shameless: it doesn't change because it doesn't need to. It's bureaucracy. Private industry, though, is worried about dollars and image. You shame them and they freak out. We were able to get a drug onto the market, get a drug company to drop a price, get an airline to allow people with AIDS to fly. Everything we've been able to do has been around private industry, because it's worried about its image.

And Hollywood is a private industry. They all showed support to that National Gay and Lesbian Task Force benefit not because they cared about the gay community, but because they were afraid of negative public relations.

WHO BUYS THE BATTERIES?

Last question. What's the raunchiest celebrity dirt—and blind it if you have to—that you've heard in the last month or two?

Oh, God. I really haven't heard anything for a long time. (Long pause.) Well, actually, the last thing I was just talking about with someone was that this famous Hollywood couple, an actress and a director who have always been rumored to be queer, recently stated in interviews that that's clearly not true, and that they are heterosexual. But they're lying. He's queer, she's a dyke—and she's also been involved with a very famous comedienne for a very long time.

I think all of this will come out sometime soon.

If you have anything to do with it.

Yeah! Well, no—that's the bottom line on outing: it's becoming more competitive! (Laughs.)

THE PERSONALS

WOMEN

I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middle class; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have a complicated schedule. In my dreams you're my age range ±5 y., live in SF—so we can enjoy it together, have a nice face, average body, you're companionable, ready to share experiences, fun, laughter, love, sex (we might like each other better if we slept together), if so, Call ★★4726.

Sun And Moon
Transsexual woman seeks sun to her moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you. (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more, Call ★★4727.

True/False Quiz
Do you like: 1) intelligent women with a fun sense of humor; 2) similarities yet differences; 3) stimulating conversations about everything; 4) Midwest politeness; 5) good friends; 6) a 30s woman with 20s energy; 7) sports, especially swimming, softball, golf, tennis, football or pool; 8) being socially liberal yet fiscally conservative; 9) working full-time while pursuing a dream; 10) romance and passion at the right times; 11) social activities, also private time alone; 12) being a unique, independent woman in a close relationship; 13) exploring, travelling, questioning, tinkering, envisioning; 14) San Francisco; 15) nonsmokers; 16) the outdoors; 17) art, music, photography; 18) bargains; 19) motorcycles; 20) singing/songwriting. How Did You Score? 15-20: Why haven't we met before now?; 10-14: Interesting possibilities; 6-10: Possible friendship; 0-5: Next ad. Reply BT Box DC1A or call ★★4728.

Take A Walk On The Tame Side
Quiet vanilla lesbian, transplanted Midwest farmer's daughter, late 30s, soft of center, stable professional seeks other quiet, spirited women 30s-40s to share simple pleasures, travel, plays, dinners, movies, music, outdoors. First dating then maybe more. Nonsmokers only. Reply BT Box DC2A or call ★★4729.

Curious? Interested in a small adventure? 40 yr. with a passion for life visiting SFO between 12/20-1/1 for bicycling, photography. (Doesn't want to dine alone.) Likes Brazilian, 1920-40, Depeche Mode music; dancing and champagne. Nonsmokers—no drugs. If you are over 35, energetic, enjoy cycling and you're a little mischievous, write/photo op. or call. maybe we'll romance out the old year. A., PO Box 2342, Venice, 90294-2342 or call ★★4730.

Great-Looking Older Woman
GJWF. I am very attractive, youthful looking, although mature woman. Slender, dark complection, light eyes. Determined to stay healthy, chic, loving and adventuresome. Ready to meet someone after a tedious 15-year relationship. You should love music, theatre, photography, movies, cafes, travel, pets and be well-read. Looking to meet someone to share my interests, and companionship. Let's start with, maybe a nice dinner together, and go from there. PO Box 425, Corte Madera 94976-0425.

Attractive Asian Entrepreneur
Both financially and emotionally stable. Ready to settle down. I consider myself very honest, loving and romantic. I enjoy soft music, movies, traveling, dining out and quality things. Seek one pretty 30+, single, nonsmoking, intelligent, feminine woman for monogamous relationship. Don't miss this rare opportunity, take a chance. Call ★★4731.

Meeting Of The Minds In The Redwoods
Professional (Ph.D.) living a very contented independent life in the redwoods would like to share it with the right woman. My life includes Western two-step and line dancing (you lead or I'll teach you), Western and English riding and show horses (I have two, one for you), love of animals, good home cooking (dinner in my woodsy cottage), and occasional trips to the City for dinner/theater (sometimes with 2 gay male friends). If you are the right person you are well-educated, intelligent, an interesting conversationalist with a quick mind and a wry sense of humor, 30 or older with no drug addictions or obsessions. I am 46, blonde and blue-eyed (I love brunettes), 5'3", fit, trim and slim (looking for similar), I love my gourmet coffee and cigarettes—hope you do, too. I work long and hard hours, but I also ensure that I have extended periods dedicated to leisure activities. In the winter I like playing cards with friends by the fire, watching movies on the VCR, and sometimes just quiet reading. I know if our minds meet our bodies will follow. If you're interested in sharing a little bit of quiet paradise, call. All replies will be answered. Reply BT Box DC3A or call ★★4732.

Shy Assertive Fem
Voluptuous, earthy, artistic, fun-loving fem seeks intelligent, professional, perceptive playmate ages 37-49. Prefer butch in recovery who wants to explore common interests. Call ★★4733.

Tender, Warm, Loving
That's me. Also 35, clean and sober, financially secure, honest, seeks friendship/balanced relationship. Favorites—birds, wildlife, boats, skiing, traveling, camping, snorkeling, biking, hot, passionate lovemaking, spooning and cuddling, romance, comedy, spiritual growth, assertive, creative, independent. No smokers, drinkers, druggers. PO Box 21622, Oakland 94620 or call ★★4734.

Marin Romantic Gray At The Temples
I am 47 yy. My friends say I have a delicious smile, playful eyes, an exotic voice...I am attractive, fit, on the androgynous side. I am fun to be with, a good dancer, down to earth woman of substance. Wanting to meet someone special like me. An attractive feminine petite woman, who is sensitive, honest, passionate, romantic, able to give and receive, clear and in touch with her feelings. Who likes to cuddle and hug, who is compassionate, down to earth, funny, witty, likes to talk, communicative and is interested in exploring a long-term monogamous relationship; perhaps even interested in a family, co-parenting. If you are in your 30s, you are private, demonstrative, like picnics on the beach at night, and crackling fires, not into drugs and are interested in meeting, don't miss this opportunity, write, send photo and who knows...chemistry important. Have saline solution...bring your own contact lenses! Reply BT Box DC4A.

Diamond In The Rough
Good-looking mod-girl seeks: An older woman's companionship. The description of myself & my wants is somewhat vague; I can't really say that there's anything that I don't like or wouldn't try doing, nor am I quite sure of what it is I am looking for in a companion. My persona, my life is pleasant and com plete, yet lacks nuturing & guidance. I have an enormous amount of myself to offer that special someone willing to take a chance on me. (No requirements/no stipulations—just have a hammer & chisel handy.) Call ★★4735.

My Friend Said...
I think I'm ready to start dating again, so I said, I'll write an ad. She's looking for someone over 40, kind, mature and a therapist (she thinks they're more sensitive) who likes animals. She claims she never said, "and femme on the outside and butch in bed," but I know she did. She's one of the gentlest, most caring people I know. Her only fault, in my mind, is that she smokes, but she's very considerate about it. Call ★★4736 or write PO Box 460895, SF 94146 and get her back into the dating mode.

Xmas Miracle
I just had an ad in the last issue stating that I wanted to meet some gay women friends for Xmas time. The right people haven't responded yet. My lifestyle is fun. I like to enjoy life in an innocent way. Dancing with dolls, watching a lot of musicals on TV. I'm a hippy. I don't work. I'm a couch tomato & I love James Cagney, Judy Garland, Shirley Temple, Elvis & Xmas music. All my immediate friends are straight. I'm looking for a family of friends. Let's share the magic of Xmas. On a spiritual path. No cigarette smokers please. I go to a health spa & eat organic food. Health is wealth! Reply BT Box DC5A or call ★★4737.

Ready For The Right Girlfriend?
Loving, respectful self-assured, stable, adventuresome, East Bay SL seeks same. Looking for a partner to explore life and nature together, 35-45 outdoors-loving preferred. No druggies, S&M or roles please. For us to find each other you must call ★★4738.

Good Friend, Lover
I'm a wonderful, lovely woman. I'm 35 yrs. old, hazel eyes, 5'5". I enjoy dining, going to the ocean, etc. I am easy-going. I need your tender & erotic love now. I want to find someone who can strap it, drive with me. Also wanting to spend time with me. I'm missing a close relationship, am very lonely at the present time. I'm looking for good sex—committed relationship with butch or without butch. I'm serious! No drugs or drinking please. I want to hear from you! Write me. PO Box 7211, Santa Rosa 95407.

Seeking A Woman Of Quality
I'm 50, feminine, attractive, flexible, curious, passionate, articulate, well grounded, funny, affectionate and unattached. Looking for a woman of similar qualities who won't be afraid of commitment and a long-term relationship. Nonsmoking light drinker, no drugs. East Bay preferred. Please write and tell me about yourself: 170 F Alamo Plaza, #195, Alamo 94507.

SF Lover Wanted
GWF desires woman to love and hold. Enjoy walking on the beach, hand in hand. Laughing at the silly things in life. Very affectionate and want same. 38 yrs. old. Enjoy women about my age to infinity. Considered cute and lovable, not butch or fem. Want to enjoy life with someone. Like to cuddle up and keep warm. Feel free to call and say hi. No drugs. All else okay. Call ★★4739.

Lure Me
out of the lab. This 29 y.o. Peace Corps Volunteer-turned-grad student (E. Bay) is out but not about, & would love to laugh & hike & argue & dance & generally be cheaply hedonistic with a warm-hearted, full-spirited, delight-inspiring dyke. Or at least have a date for cheap seats at the symphony. Whadaya say? Call or Write: Reply BT Box DC6A or call ★★4740.

Hey S.—The Sequel: This newspaper printed your photo, but wouldn't print your name, at least not in the ad I placed in the last issue. Maybe the editors won't come at me with a hacksaw this time if I say "rhymes with Marina" instead. Anyway, I'd still like to see you again, but not on a BART platform—T.

Lily Tomlin?
You were at the Sunday, Nov. 17, 4:30 pm Castro Theatre showing of "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life." You were wearing a dark brown jacket and light brown pants. You were sitting in the aisle seat of row nine. I was two seats over. I wanted to say hello and introduce myself but the lesbian sheep syndrome struck again and I couldn't move beyond eye contact. I'd like another chance. How about another movie and this time, I'll buy the popcorn. Reply BT Box DC7A or call ★★4741.

Lesbian Traveling Companion Sought
for trip to Europe in spring/summer of 1992. My itinerary is flexible. I want to travel cheaply (with

If you see an ad with "Call ★★" dial 1-900-844-2GAY

ONLY 96¢ a minute!

Notice to Call Star Advertisers:
Please Record Your Greeting Now! They're waiting to hear your voice! Call 415-291-9678

an occasional splurge) and possibly do part of it by bike. I'm 29, energetic, adventurous and interested in museums, churches, concerts, countryside, famous dead writers' homes and in general learning about different cultures. (Nonsexual.) Call ★★4742.

Muchachas!
Latin gal wants to meet other Latin gals for fun and especially friendship. Age is not important but you must be very outgoing, fun and open to new adventures. Espero que nos divertamos. Hasta pronto. Reply BT Box DC8A.

Do You Know
or are you—a lesbian close to or between 60-80, bright, lively, aware, independent yet able to love intimately, looking for a friend, lover, life-partner or all three? Or similar nonlesbian who wonders whether lesbians know something she doesn't know yet? I am active, affectionate, intellectual, uncloseted, Jewish, feminist, antiracist, mid-sized, not femme but womanly. Self-employed, hoping to ride out recessionitis and keep my toe-hold in the middle class. Reasonably healthy, reasonably good-looking. Like music, jazz best. Love dancing. Blessed with many friends, single over five years, ready to couple but not in a hurry. All races and sizes have their own beauty in my eyes and, I hope, in yours. If you know someone, encourage her to write, or write about yourself. I'll answer all letters that include good information. Reply BT Box DC9A.

Oakland/Berkeley Area Only
Searching for a woman to grow old with. Me: smart, sensitive woman of depth, late 30s, 5'11", 180#, dark hair and eyes, pretty femme, feel my feelings, meet my needs, like myself and my life, value honesty integrity, clear communication. Interests: walks, movies, music, cooking, fun. You: aware of your feelings, wants, needs, good communicator, have time to get to know someone new. Let's talk! Call ★★4743.

Waiting For You...
I'm looking for women who are interested in starting new friendships with the possibility for a L.T.R. I'm a 31-year-old attractive femme, 5'7", brn. hair, brn. eyes. I love women who dress with style, bookstores, music, shopping, all sports, quiet evenings at home, cafes and children. Let's get together for coffee or a drive to the ocean and get to know each other. Reply BT Box DC10A.

We Shall Know Each Other When We Meet
I am a 43 y.o. Lesbian Chiropractic Intern, who is emotionally available, loving, caring, nurturing, supportive, passionate, romantic, sexual, playful, mischievous, fun, adventurous, honest, trustworthy, sincere, able to communicate and commit. I have integrity, self-awareness, self-assurance. I treat others with honesty, dignity and respect. I am actively involved in my personal and spiritual growth. You are certain that you possess the above qualities and you're looking for a long-term monogamous relationship where you are willing to resolve relationship issues and conflicts rather than run. Call ★★4744.

Surrender Your Belt Please
Purposefully I left no number. Worth having is worth the writing effort...but I got no response, what a world! Are there no soft butches interested in femme forty, class with irreverence & mild perversion. Please be grown up, still adventurous, communicative, tolerant & mature. I am passionate, warm & tender hearted. I smoke, I drink & I have a big dog. Your big butt is a plus. Call ★★4745.

Back By Popular Demand!
This soft butch is looking for someone who likes to have fun. I love downhill skiing, working out at the gym, going to the movies, dancing, traveling to Tahoe and Carmel, watching the 49ers on TV as well as going to the games. I am: 30 yrs. old, financially stable, have a good sense of humor, caring, assertive, and very sexual. I am looking for a friend, a lover, either, both? If you are between the ages of 25-35, and have the same interests, please apply. No smokers or heavy drug users please. Reply BT Box DC11A or call ★★4746.

GET PERSONAL... FREE!!

with the San Francisco Bay Times
and Bay Area Career Women

December 6 & 13 (Fridays)
6:00 - 9:00 PM

at BACW's "TGIF"
at Charpes Grill
131 Gough Street (in the back), San Francisco

Join the TGIF crowd and put a Voice Mail ad in the Womens Personals section of SFBT absolutely FREE!

(Haven't you always wanted to give it a try?)

See you there!

That Girl Next Door
That's the type of woman I'm looking for—She (25-32) likes to take it S-L-O-W. First build a friendship. In time, under the shy facade her sweet and sexy ways blossom through her smiles: she knows what she wants. She has good communication skills. She wants monogamy. Preferably an artist or at least an appreciator. Also interested in cultural diversity, music, nature, and she's uninhibited in exploring: possibly squash? Ask me! I'm a lesbian of color, 28, 5'8", artist, strong looking, down to earth, passionate, generally attracted to femmes (acception, not rule) who aren't helpless. Definately not into roles, smokers, heavy drinkers/drugs. Call ★★4528.

Down to Earth Free Thinker
looking for others. Casual, private, forthright, humorous, anthropology/women's studies student, enjoys long walks, crafts, books; nonfiction, fantasy, and trashy lesbian novels. Would love to learn music/Macintosh/sports/spinning, but I'm more interested in talking about the world/life and getting together for dinner or ? I'm 21, brown/hazel/solid, definitely a nonsmoker. Want friends mainly, but who knows what might happen? Reply BT Box NV10B.

I Believe You're Out There Somewhere
At least I want to believe it, still, though I've been looking for a very long time. I hope you show up before I give up hoping for love in this lifetime. I'm a firesign, 12/2/41, professional, mainstream, middleclass; I like contemporary novels and movies, to laugh, dance, walk on Ocean Beach and in G.G. Park; I draw a little, write a little, rare etoh; smoke/toke; I'm kinda shy, quirky about food (not vegetarian), sincere, perceptive, have a complicated schedule. In my dreams you're my age range -/+ 5 yr., live in SF—so we can enjoy it together, have a nice face, average body, you're companionable, ready to share experiences, fun, laughter, love, sex (we might like each other better if we slept together), if so, call ★★4529.

Northern Exposure With Southern Comfort
40-yr-old educated, attractive, funny-boned and perhaps the most well-dressed, eclectic, slightly off the wall sushi-loving, kick up your heels dancer you'll meet this year, seeks other, attractive lesbians (late 30s-40s) for intellectual exposure of the Northern hemisphere and pleasures in the South. For hemispheric adventures call ★★4530.

Hey Candy Baby
Sugar & spice, sweet hard thing, I could eat you up & we both know I would. So you run on now & do your slutty thing. You'll do fine, have lots of fun. But remember you are my baby girl & I'll always be your daddy. You can always come home. Oh & by the way, thank you too much sweetheart of mine.

Attractive, intelligent, creative & multi-cultural GBF, 28, with a great smile seeks GWF with similar qualities, 24-36. I am mature, self-reliant and cynically funny. The woman I have in mind would be femme-of-center, "artsy" and enjoy friendship with no intimacy "issues." My hobbies include "restauranting," foreign films, and 'alternative' music (Dead Can Dance and early Cocteau Twins). Light smoke and alcohol are okay, heavy substance abuse is not. Drop a line, let's meet! Call ★★4531.

After We Came Out Of Our Closets
we filled them with an exotic variety of costumes. We dance exquisitely in a hundred different worlds. We have degrees. We hold jobs (they do not hold us). We speak other languages. We never take the elevator. We are experts at something. We read books, vote, and do not believe our own PR. We have no leaders, only heros. We are in our 30s, single, and seeking a family. We should be in touch. Reply BT Box NV11B or call ★★4532.

Hidden Treasure
GWF nonsmoking 47 y.o.—high energy, open-minded, witty. I am enjoying my work, actively involved in lesbian community, pursuing my doctorate. Independent, affectionate-giver; seeker of verbal, responsive partner. Creative in my spare time. Willing to risk. Surprise me! Reply BT Box NV12B or call ★★4533.

Winter Solstice Winds!
I ask you to blow over warm cuddling and soft cooing sounds my way. Wild dark curly haired Jewish witch on the loose. I ask for self-integrity, freedom in expressing the wild child spirit, a passion and awareness of one's power in life's work, play, food choices, sex and laughter. I cast my wish out in hopes of being granted a gift of a woman. Call ★★4534.

Sun And Moon
Transsexual woman seeks Sun to her Moon. I'm the Piscean, nesting-type who likes dancing, dinners, the ocean. I realize answering this can expose you to all sorts of social criticism ("Did you hear what so-and-so is going out with?" "She's not a real woman.") Hey, I know that. I also know if we hit it off it won't matter what people say, and I'll stand by you. (If you like what you've just read but only want to hang out, that's fine.) To find out more call ★★4535.

Bi
BISEXUAL

Santa Cruz Drag Queen
Closet-free straight crossdresser wants to meet ladies (bi-OK) who appreciate the chance to double their wardrobe. Have sense of humor & am warm and caring. Love dinners out, moderate drinker & NS. Get in touch and we'll play Barbie. Can entertain or travel. Relationship possible. PO Box 2703, Santa Cruz 95063 or call ★★4777.

Needle In A Haystack Or What Are You, Crazy?
BWM desperately seeking an intelligent BiF who wants a child. Perhaps you've dreamed about having a child and husband in addition to a female lover. Why dream, this is SF and it's about the year 2000. We both want the best of both worlds, a child, a family & freedom. I'm 31, 5'8", 165, brwn/grn, preshrunk, evolved, humorous, clever, successful, fun, curious, healthy, yadee-yadee—You should be so lucky! I really think this could work. Drop me a line so we can talk. Reply BT Box DC300A or call ★★4776.

She-Virgin Ready To Explode!
Hello gals! I am an attractive and amiable young lady who is curious about "exploring the realm of same sex." While men may be great, they could never be women! If you are relaxed and open minded in nature and get turned on by wild fantasies, good conversation and life in general, then wait no more, call now. Call ★★4778. Honesty is a must and varied interest is a bust (bad joke!). Also, you may write me at PO Box 402, Larkspur, 94977—See ya...

Female To Male Transsexual
TS male with boyish good looks, 32, 5'2", 117 lbs., mustache/short beard, gym-built with hard pecs and big clit (chest surgery only, female genitals intact), seeks friendly, muscular, short, HIV– male for safe sex. Must not be homophobic or gyne-phobic. Letter with photo (returnable), please! Reply Boxholder, 2018 Shattuck Ave., #113, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★4779.

Treated Like Princess
if right match for loving, zestful couple comprising bisexual WF, 32, and hetero (but bi-friendly) WM, 27. We have an excellent 6-year, committed relationship and you could be a fully integrated part of it (full member of threesome, not "third wheel" or "plaything"). Explore the possibilities with two affectionate, playful, attractive, very romantic, passionate people who want to shower you with love, tenderness, massage, romance and all-over kisses, plus plan our future together. We are enthusiastic, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, honesty, sensuality, joie de vivre. Some interests: creative romance, hot springs, gardening, traveling, sailing, nude recreation, hiking, gourmet cooking, dancing, arts, singing, massage, erotica, science fiction, photography, theater, tropical islands, cafes. Seeking vivacious, affectionate nonsmoker, very comfortable expressing emotions, who, like us, thinks life is beautiful. "Don't dream it—be it!" PO Box 12544, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★4780.

S
SHARED INTEREST

Two-Step Partner
I'm a lesbian, wanting an intermediate level lesbian dance partner or buddy to go out dancing at the Rawhide & Corral with. Prefer a leader who sometimes likes to follow but am flexible. I am 40, very friendly, and have quite a varigated background. Call soon. Call ★★4806.

Classical Musicians—Sightreaders
Patient, kind, sensitive professional accompanist/voice coach seeks other capable instrumentalists/singers for informal, artistic (but light-hearted) music-making. If you are a careful, thoughtful musician (who may have "blocks") who needs a like-minded friend to share with, you owe it to yourself to explore this opportunity. Let's chat! (I have a fine piano and transportation.) Call ★★4807.

Lovers Of The Grape!
Lesbian couple with an interest in wine and conversation seeks fellow sniffers 'n tasters. Plans include informal tasting group, dinners, trips to Napa/Sonoma and local tasting bars. If you are casual, non-snobbish and can appreciate the $5.99 bin special as well as fine cabernet, give us a call. Let's leave Robert Parker in the dust! No alcohol abusers, please. Call ★★4808.

World Bicyclist
Seeking companions for mountain bike touring in 3rd world countries. Costa Rica: Feb-March.

Dykes To Watch Out For

...A ROLLING DONUT
©1991 BY ALISON BECHDEL
124
MORNING.
HI, MO.
LOIS, WHAT'S WITH THEA? I MEAN, WHY'S SHE IN A WHEELCHAIR?
I DUNNO. WHY DONCHA ASK HER?
YEAH. I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, MO, BUT THE WHEELCHAIR DOESN'T IMPAIR MY HEARING AT ALL.
UH... SORRY. I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY YOU'RE...YOU KNOW... USING THAT IF NORMALLY YOU JUST USE CRUTCHES.
WELL THE CHAIR IS SO MUCH MORE DRAMATIC, DON'T YOU THINK? I USE IT WHEN I WANT PEOPLE TO FEEL EXTRA SORRY FOR ME.
UH..
HEY, I'M JUST KIDDING YOU. I'M REALLY USING THE CHAIR TODAY BECAUSE IT GOES SO GREAT WITH MY SHOES.
NO, SERIOUSLY. THE REAL REASON IS BECAUSE I TOOK MY CRUTCHES INTO THE SHOP FOR REPAIRS AND THEY WERE ALL OUT OF LOANERS! IT WAS THIS CHAIR OR A '76 HONDA!
THEA, I'M SORRY I...
NO! NO! THAT'S NOT IT! I'M USING THE CHAIR BECAUSE I TORE A HOLE IN THE SEAT OF MY PANTS THIS MORNING AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO MEND IT! HA HA HAW!
SLAP!
OKAY, OKAY - HEH HEH — FOR REAL NOW. I GET FATIGUED A LOT. ON BAD DAYS I USE THE CHAIR SO I HAVE MORE ENERGY FOR MY WORK AND STUFF.
YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED AFTER THAT LITTLE ROUTINE. WANT A DONUT?
THEA, DON'T EAT THOSE! THEY'RE FULLA SUGAR AND GREASE! POISON!
OH, BUT IT'S OK FOR LOIS TO HAVE THEM? I JUST LOVE WHEN ABLE-BODIED WOMEN GIVE ME NUTRITIONAL ADVICE.
DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY, THEA. SHE SAID THE SAME THING TO ME 4,000 TIMES. I IGNORE HER AND EVENTUALLY SHE GIVES UP.
D'YOU HAVE ANY OF THOSE ONES WITH TOXIC-LOOKING SPRINKLES?

If you see an ad with "Call ★★" dial 1-900-844-2GAY

ONLY 96¢ a minute!

Notice to Call Star Advertisers:
Please Record Your Greeting Now! They're waiting to hear your voice! Call 415-291-9678

Ladakh, Zanskar (Tibetan kingdoms now in India) in July-Aug. Cross passes to 16000 feet. Visit monasteries. Possibly also tour in Malaysia, hike in Nepal. Open to other places, times. Go to most expensive hotels, only $5/day at most town of 3rd world! Write "World Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704.

Fiber Fanatics

I didn't respond to your October ad quick enough. Your group sounded fun to me. Would like to meet with others who like to knit, spin, weave, etc...Reply BT Box DC600A or call ★★4809.

I Love My New Home!

SL, newly transplanted Easterner seeks companions for afternoon walks (East Bay), camping, two-stepping, biking, concerts (esp. folk/ethnic music), readings and exploring the Bay Area. I'm 28, smart, active and politically aware, a 12-stepper, a little shy but love to laugh. Don't sit at home, call me! Call ★★4810.

Serious About Buying A Place In The Country?

Lesbian professional couple, ages 52 and 38, have weekend farm in beautiful, isolated mountain valley 3½ hours north of San Francisco. Real estate is very inexpensive. 15 miles from National Forest and wild river. As we have met no other gay people, we would like to encourage you to buy in our valley. Call ★★4811.

Looking For A Co-Parent Or Known Donor?

A group is forming for you to meet lesbians and gay men who are seeking to get involved in a co-parent or known-donor situation. It will be both a social group and discussion group where you can discuss your hopes, desires and fears of children and family. PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★4812.

Gay Christian Singles

Meet other gay men with a Christian background. A social group is now forming for single gay men who share a Christian belief. Make new friends or maybe meet that special someone. Gatherings will take place at least once a month and will be held on both sides of the bay. For information please call ★★4813.

Expo '92, Anyone?

I'm seeking one or more gay men interested in non-budget travel to Seville next spring or fall for Expo '92 and possibly some other sights in Spain. Someone conversant in Spanish and/or knowledgeable of Spanish culture would be ideal. I'm a GWM, 40, with some reading knowledge of Spanish. If you're interested in discussing the possibilities, write POB 460220, SF 94146-0220 or call ★★4814.

Sailors And Skiers

Looking for other women 40-50 for sailing on the bay and skiing—especially downhill. Possible opportunity to buy into women-owned sailboat. Prefer intelligent, sensitive, psychologically minded professional women with many interests to fuel good conversation. Sense of humor important. Non-smokers only. Reply BT Box DC601A or call ★★4815.

No Bitches, Please

Lesbian woman wants to start casual social group...Are you 40-85, outgoing, active, fun-loving, secure and not afraid to be yourself? Let's share our interests in potlucks, conversation, volleyball, walking, swimming, plays, beaches, your ideas are welcome. Leave phone number. Write to: LDJ, PO Box 3302, Berkeley 94703.

Hey! Those Lesbian Musicians

who answered my ad (and those who didn't), please answer again! I didn't get your replies. I am a singer/songwriter/guitarist/etc., new to SF. I want to meet others (esp. bass, guitar who also sing) to form performing/recording original band (but I am also open to meeting for jamming/support). I want to make great sounding music with vocal harmony and also express concerns for the state of this planet. Not into drugs/alcohol. Influences: Beatles, old Bowie, '60s psychedelic, also funk, new wave, Yes, Balkan & Greek ethnic music, modern rock, etc., etc...Call ★★4816.

E.B. Lesbian Looking for Love

15-love, 30-love, 40-love that is...recently moved to East Bay and like to find other advanced tennis players to hit in the mornings on my complex's new courts or your courts. I like to work on skills as well as playing singles and doubles. Please have complete game, no beginners. Call ★★4596.

Marin

Sensitive, intelligent lesbian, in late 30s, with a good sense of humor has recently moved to Marin in search of clean air, redwood canyons and ocean breezes. Looking for companions for daytime adventures—show me your favorite beautiful places. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 1132, Larkspur 94977 or call ★★4597.

M E N

Combo Platter

Ostensibly you are reading these ads for sex. Secretly, though, you are seeking intimacy, perhaps even—if you admit your wildest fantasy—love. But as a man you cannot freely admit that. You may even deny it. Yet here you are, still reading. Very young men have little to teach you; many older men are too set in their ways. You want the delicious combo platter: maturity, openness and a spirited heart. The physical is important, but lately you've come to realize that rubbing souls, rather than body parts, achieves the orgasms that leave you hungry for more. So you'll take an average body with an extraordinary heart, a 6" dick and a 160 IQ. After all, in the midst of the epidemic, reality turned out to be the enlightened path all along. I'm 43, HIV+, 175, 6', balding, mustache, hairy, handsome, smart (mouthed), centered, and I've stopped swimming upstream in the river of my life—I float now and enjoy the scenery. If you like to laugh, allow yourself to cry and understand what is being said here, I'd like to make you a friend. A letter with a photo might be the next appropriate move. If you're smiling and getting ready to read this ad again, we might both profit if you pick up that pen. Boxholder Combo, 584 Castro, #609, SF 94114.

I'm Looking For An Aggressive Man

who's affectionate, self-assured, somewhat handsome, not cute. A top-man, but no "daddy-trips." Oral sex is top of list, comfortable with laying back and letting a 37-yr-old hairy guy with a tight slender body give sensuality. My stats: 5'7", long hair, graying beard, positive in more ways than one, energetic, affectionate. Extrovert, shy. Photo with letter to PO Box 1002, Sausalito 94966 or call ★★4861.

Heart, Mind And Muscles

Highly intelligent bodybuilder with handsome Asian/Latin youthful features, professional career, educated mind, beautiful, smooth, defined muscular physique, athletic grace, sunshine personality, masculinity tempered by sentimentality and sensitivity. Seeks strong passion, sensuous romance, noble friendship...enduring love. You should have similiar but not necessarily identical qualities. Photo exchange before meeting? Letter/photo to: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114.

The Marrying Kind

GWM, HIV+, with incredible spirit and zest for life seeks mate. I take good care of my mind and body—so do you. I'm strong and able, quick witted and inventive. I love good food and wine, clever, intelligent conversation, and value a sense of humor. I'm a homebody and nester but love travel and exploring the world out there as well as the world within. I want mutual touching, nurturing, affection and hot sex. I'm 37—you are ideally 30-45. I'm ready to swap phone calls, photo, and/or letters. Reply BT Box DC70A or call ★★4862.

Silent Nights

Sleeping alone. Habitually. Seeking sweet dreams, new interests. Busy life leaves little time. Desire interaction yet responsibilities come with relationships. Safe sex realities if you're 25-35, 5'7"-5'11", 150-175 lbs., mature, fit professional who possesses an imagination, a sense of confidence and a willingness to aggress someone with similar qualities. Write: I Do, PO Box 425081, SF 94102 or call ★★4863.

Sincere Man Wanted

I'm a 25 y.o. GWM, artist, 6'1", brown hair/green eyes, 210 lbs. and HIV–. I'm looking for a man for the holidays and beyond. I enjoy stand-up comedy, art, movies and romance. I'm seeking a man with an excellent sense of humor & warm heart. A stocky man with a furry body, big nose are all pluses. With luck we'll meet before New Years. Reply BT Box DC71A or call ★★4864.

I Know You Are Out There

Looking for someone to work toward sharing life with. Wishing for under 35, HIV–, slim, clean shaven and caring to meet and get to know better. I am really attracted to beach types and young preppie types with glasses. I am GWM, early 30s, HIV-, 6', 160 lbs; with long brown hair and considered good-looking. The coast of Big Sur is my home. Here I enjoy the beaches, forests, hiking, picnics, and romance in natural places. I am looking for someone who shares these interests and wants to explore life together. Photo with letter please to: PO Box 231, Big Sur 93920.

No, My Dick Is Not Shaped Like A Hamburger

or a flying saucer, or an atomic bomb, if that's what you're into. Don't come to me if you're hung up on bedding down Tom Cruise. I am, however, in control of my head and know who I am and what I'm seeking. I'm 40, 5'10", slim with brown hair and graying beard, HIV–, and I've been told I'm good-looking. And dammit, I am. But flaky people do not get me hard and I need a man who has a real personality, is not into the "scene" and is not afraid of committing to someone who has varied interests and enjoys a walk in the park more than a walk through the bars. Your looks take second place to your personality and though you need not be a Rhodes Scholar, do be able to talk about more than sex, sex, and...sex. If you think you can deal with a real person and you crave more than a beer and a quick lay, write to: Charles in Charge, 584 Castro St., #151, SF 94114-2588 or call ★★4865. Do include a photo (returnable) and tell me why you think you're a real catch.

Yikes!

What am I doing here? Isn't there a better way to meet a smart, sexy man? Well, maybe not. I like looking at you guys, but cruising in bars doesn't tell me how you think and feel. I'm 36, definitely good-looking (only a few feet shy of gorgeous), and in fine shape. I have ants in my kitchen, but otherwise my life is relatively problem-free. Reply BT Box DC72A or call ★★4866.

Musical Soulmate Needed

Refined, caring pianist/accompanist, singer-coach, college teacher, INFP/artist-type seeks commitment-oriented lifemate who can reciprocate high ideals. Important: Friendship first, HIV–, humor, interpersonal growth, awareness, intuitiveness, inner beauty, altruism, devoted, healthy, traditional values, integrity, love of self/others, nature/animals/beauty, philosophical, communicative, intensity. GWM, 44, 5'7", 120. POB 1551, Cupertino 95015. Can relocate. Call ★★4867.

Tall, slim 40 year old

strong willed, shy man with beard and brown/gray thinning hair would like to make friends. Likes hairiness, driving the coast, boots/leather, thunderstorms, armpits and science/technology. Also appreciate canvas, leather and rubber-clothing gear such as coveralls, WW2 flyboy sheepskins and uniforms. Computer animation, Smithsonian, walking in the rain; big hands, ears and feet, Xmas and design are all turnons. Reply BT Box DC73A.

Where Are You?

GWM, 30, 5'10", 140 pounds, HIV+ seeking a GWM between 30-45 years old. Must be in good shape and be sensitive and sincere. I like spending time together, dinners, the Russian River and just having a special man beside me. I'm mostly versatile and 100% safe. Hope to hear from you soon. PO Box 460672, SF 94146-0672 or call ★★4868.

Unique Connection

Attractive, educated, sensuous, French guy, 34, with charms, tall, clean-shaven, great personality and style to discover and share, wide interests, enjoys friendships, romance, arts, cultures, travels, nature, sports, food, the City, etc. Seeking a handsome, unique all-American guy, honest, with great qualities, ready to share a unique connection and more through creative language and energy exchanges. Reply: Box 10912, Oakland 94610 or call ★★4869.

Still Looking

Handsome GWM, 52 (looks 40), masculine, slim, hairy chest, HIV–, nonsmoker, moustache, 7" cut, Greek Active; French active/passive, 5'7", 135#, blue eyes, brown/gray hair, intelligent, sense of humor, career-minded, seeks very special man for love relationship. You are: 18-35, masculine, HIV–, nonsmoker, employable, slim, relocatable, under 5'9" and good-looking. You're also stable, have a brain, and don't use hard drugs or heavy drinking. I seek love, not just sex. Photo required (returnable). I live near San Jose and am connected to the music industry. Write to: D., PO Box 620, Redwood Estates 95044. Prefer white or Hispanic.

Fat Bottoms Wanted

Let this 5'11", 195 lb., good-looking guy worship your fat body, the bigger the better, respond soon, waiting for you, don't forget your picture. PO Box 21084, Oakland 94620.

Monogamous Top Wanted

Attractive gay African American male, 41, 6', 180#, HIV–, bottom, sense of humor, non-smoker, moderate drinker, spiritual, eclectic tastes in music, food and people, enjoys the cinema, cuddling, dining out, stimulating conversation, walking, the ocean, romance, looking for masculine, honest, very affectionate top, non-abuser who is interested in cultivating a monogamous relationship. I want to give all my love to one man, that's all. Reply BT Box DC74A.

Sincere African American

Attractive, GBM, 27, 5'8", 145 lbs., seeks GWM 25-35 for friendship and possible relationship. If you enjoy evenings at home, Chinese food in bed, an occasional night on the town, running, movies, books and languages, I would be interested in meeting you. I'm an honest and nurturing person who would like to meet the same. Reply BT Box DC75A or call ★★4870.

Watch You Flex

So I like to watch, feel and admire...so the bod and attitude are more important than a "pretty look," but not more important than the soul; quality GWM, mid 40s, HIV+, fit and healthy, seeks encounters with private exhibitionist (Asians encouraged), under 35 with great definition; we're both honest, expressive and open to relationship possibilities; describe your needs. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Reply Boxholder #2, Box 626, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★4871.

Bearded Berkeley Bicyclist

BiWM, trim beard, 6'1", 165 lbs., looks 32 (I'm 39). I'm HIV– and nonsmoker. Into mountain bicycling, touring, 3rd World travel, comedy, Plearn's Thai restaurant, bicycle advocacy, Indian music, electronic design, mountain climbing. I'm looking for friendship and adventure, especially a guy with beard and/or endurance. Open to relationship. I like "top" best. Write "Bicyclist," 131 Berkeley Square #291, Berkeley 94704.

Are You A Dominant GBM Top In E. Bay?

I'm 28, 5'11", 165 lbs, dark hair, moustache, blue eyes, hairy, good-looking, masculine, and discreet. Don't have alot of experience and am looking for the right guy to show me the ropes. Am intelligent, artistic, and enjoy outdoor activities as well as staying at home. If you're 28-40, masculine, muscular, good-looking, intelligent, not into gay scene but secure in who you are, and could use some regular service from a hot eager guy, then send photo (if possible) and note to BT Box DC76A.

Submissive Dad Seeks Dominant Son

Looking for that rare young (18+) man who gets hard at the prospect of reversing roles. This successful professional, forties, trim, 5'10", 163, attractive, craves to be put in his place by loving son who enjoys ordering dad around, light slaps, wrestling games (I give!), etc. Should be easy-going, drug-free. Points for being bright, capable of giving & receiving affection. Call ★★4872.

This Is A Sex Ad

I'm writing this ad for one purpose and one purpose only—I am trying to meet one or more sex partners who can help me meet my very intense sexual needs. I am looking for a one-time encounter or repeat occurrences. I am a very masuline bottom. I work out at the gym 3 times a week and I am 38, 5'10" and 175#. I am attractive, HIV+, and I have dark brown/gray hair, hazel eyes, a moustache, and smooth skin. My desired sex partner is 30-48, tall (greater than 5'10"), muscularly heavy (180# or more), and in good shape, preferably a serious bodybuilder. You would be exclusively top, enjoy fucking best of all, and open to other vanilla pleasures, including mutual sucking, wrestling, rough housing, showing off, and fantasy games: cops, military, locker room, etc. If any of this catches your fancy, we can play at my house or yours. Reply BT Box DC77A or call ★★4873.

Exceptional Seeks Same

Exceptional 30 yo GWM prof., 5'11", 175#, br/haz, attractive, extremely intelligent, successful, classy, romantic, passionate. Values honesty, good taste, participating in life, grabbing the bull by the...well, you know. Enjoys good food, travel, the New York Times, modern music, sidewalk cafes, speaking other languages, Paris in the spring, k.d. lang, Puerto Vallarta, Schubert, fast cars, warm shunshine, foreign films, and much, much more. Dislikes shoddiness, stupidity, undeserved arrogance, apathy. Looking for quality men for possible relationship. (I love Latino and European men, but by no means exclusively.) Are you 20-35, attractive, intelligent, interesting, uninhibited, honest, open to possibility of relationship? Let's talk and see what happens. Call ★★4874.

Bottoms Up

That's me. Hard, eager, and maybe a bit nasty—that's you. East Bay GBM, masculine, smoker, almost 40, 5'4", 145, bubble butt needs verbal, seductive, over-sexed, HIV– top in reasonable shape. Must relish being on top as much as I enjoy being bottom. Not looking for shared interests, just lots of safe hot sex. Even so, we need to feel comfortable, at ease, and desirous when we are together, so let's meet and see what comes up. Reply BT Box DC78A or call ★★4875.

Slim Latin Or Asian Wanted

Warm WM, young for 42, 6'2", 173 lbs, clean-shaven, blue eyes, brown hair, HIV–, seeks slim or skinny guy 19-35. I'm affectionate, good listener, mental health professional. Prefer warm-hearted relationship-oriented guy, nonsmoker, who exercises and doesn't like bars. Ideally seeking lover, open to sincere friendship. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202.

Uncut JO And/Or Massage Buddies Wanted

I am handsome, hairy chested, short, blond, 39, cut, in an open and stable relationship. I get a sensual and erotic charge rubbing uncut men the right way. Let's play! PO Box 14911, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★4876.

Marin Cock Slave

Straight-acting Bi white male 31, 6' 145 lbs, seeking dominate guys 18 to 40 desiring sex slave. I need verbal abuse, rules to obey, light B/D to keep me in line when sucking and being fucked. Your attitude more important than looks, be clean, fit, HIV–. Novies, all races welcome, pot and beer OK. I can travel. Phone, photo first. Reply BT Box DC79A.

Nice Guy In Menlo Park

Unpretentious GWM, 46, looking for friends who are sensitive to dysfunctional family issues and have a gay rights consciousness. You're intelligent, affectionate, 30-55, between 5'6" to 5'11", a nonsmoker, listener, and drug free. You like the beach, bicycling, theater, musicals, books, lively conversations, and traveling. You're lighthearted, artistic, more suburban than urban, and have a kind sense of humor. I'm attractive, intelligent, have brown hair and eyes, 5'7", healthy and vegetarian. I like good and bad puns, classical music, bicycling, animals, nature, hiking, movies, reading, domestic and foreign travel. I'm financially secure, creative, resourceful, generous, thoughtful and friendly. I like ethnic restaurants, hairy chests, warm weather, blue eyes, and sunny places. I enjoy being around guys who are supportive, honest and comfortable being gay. If you have some of these qualities, are interested and available, Reply Boxholder, PO Box 2532, Menlo Park 94026 or call ★★4877.

Younger Guy Wanted

GWM, attractive, have modeled, 25, trim; athletic, very healthy and clean, sincere seeks younger trim sincere guy, promise to answer your response. Photo please! Your photo gets mine before we meet if you want. Reply BT Box DC80A.

Have You Got A Pill For Me?

Neurotic but stylish Chinese-American seeks professional (25-35) with aggressive sense of humor. Me: 24, 5'8", 140, cute; you: not too ugly. Call ★★4878.

Just Need A Regular Guy

Not looking for a Mr. Perfect, however a little bit of a sense of humor will help. My job has kept me busy for the last five years. Friends cannot believe I am still single. How about forming a family together? I like to go home to someone, to share the joy and the sadness of life. 35 years old, mature enough but still very young-looking, 5'10" and 150#. Like guys around my age with a hairy chest. I am Chinese with a very traditional cultural background. How about writing me with your photo and phone #. I will answer all. Reply BT Box DC81A.

I Need A Drag!

Ironic but professional Japanese-American needs to be dragged away from his Macintosh. Seeks balding sexy man with arms familiar with pulling. Me: 24 y/o, 5'3", 135#. You: strong, not necessarily balding, necessarily sexy. Reply BT Box DC82A or call ★★4879.

Latino Lover

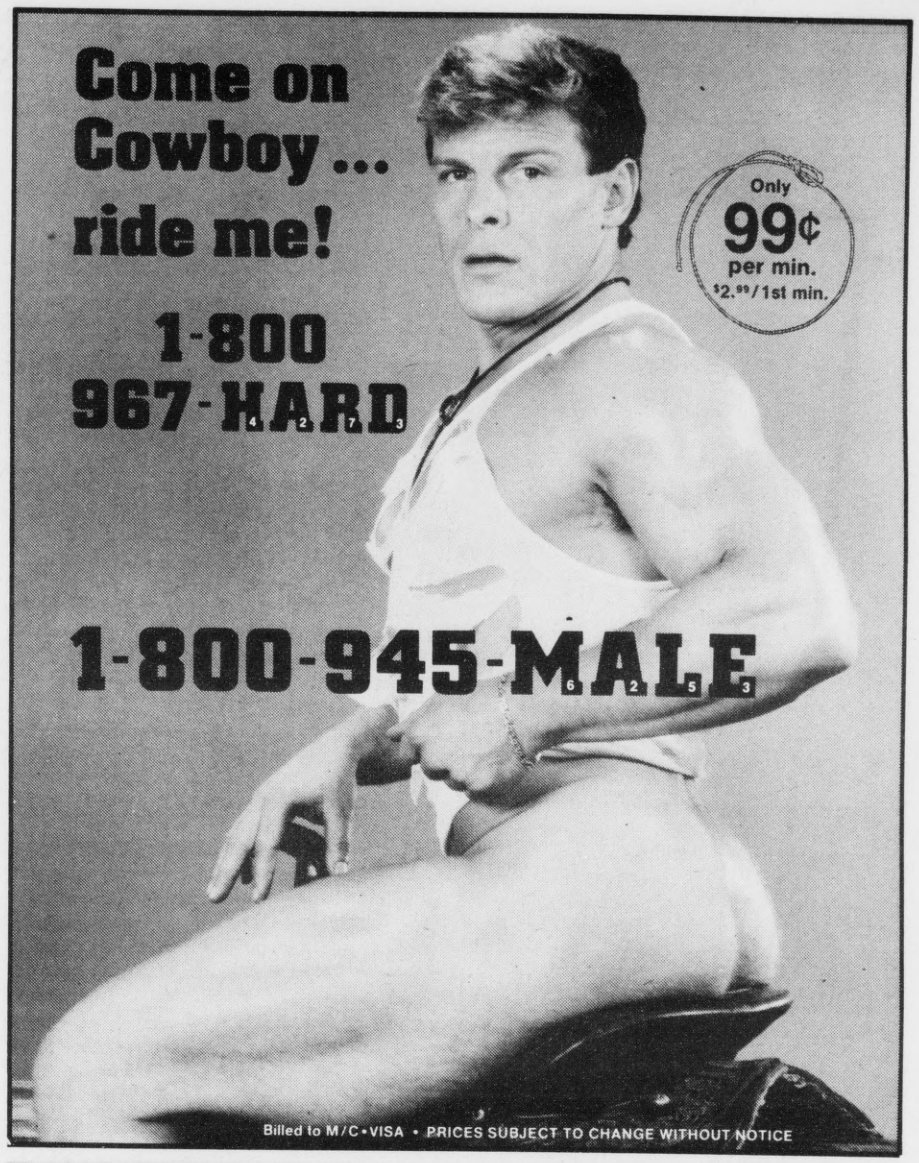
Very good-looking GWM, 31, 5'8", 140#, HIV–, professional, secure, and very affectionate. Into healthy lifestyle—no drugs/alcohol/tobacco. Looking for very attractive, young—to 30 yo, trim and available Latino. I value honesty, intimacy and sex—and am flexible on everything else. I sail and own a boat and would love to share that experience with you. Photo if you can—I'll send mine. Reply BT Box DC83A.

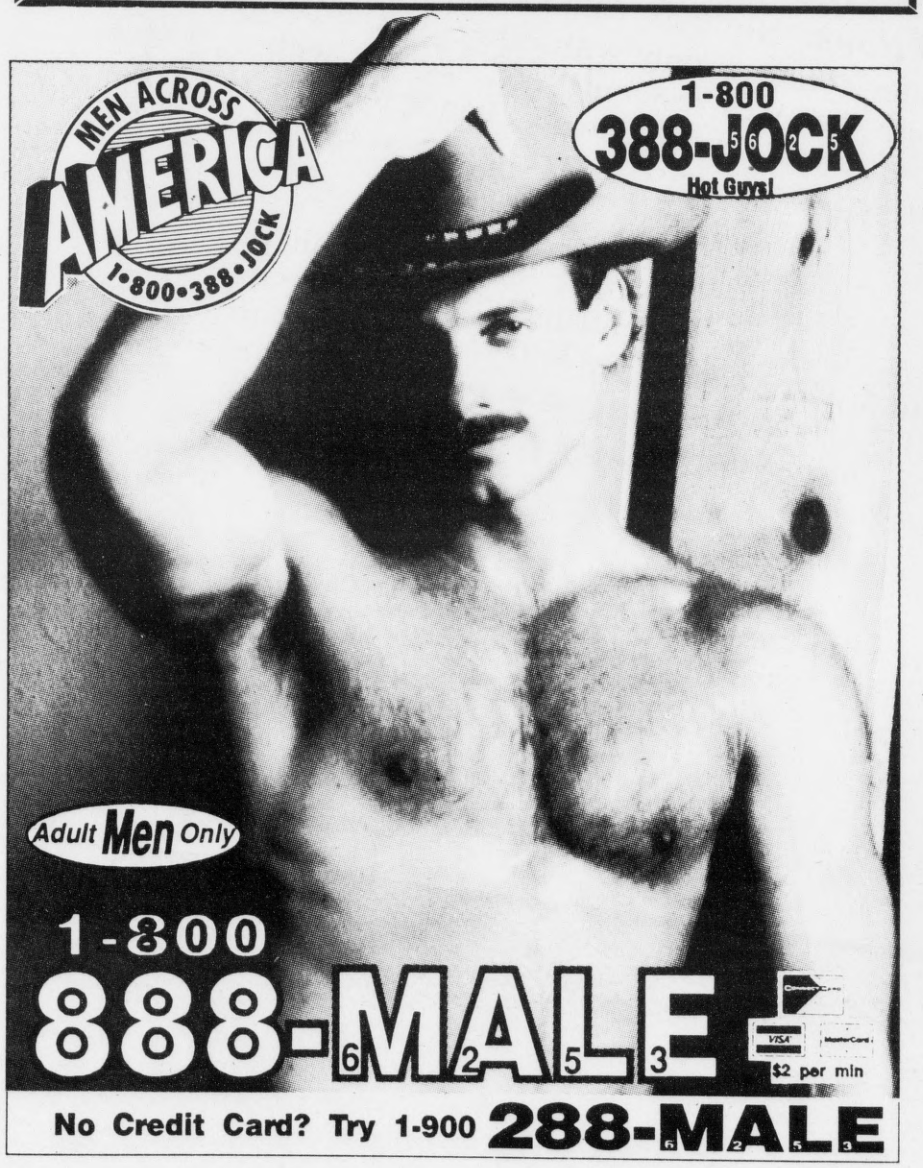
Older Effeminate Gentleman

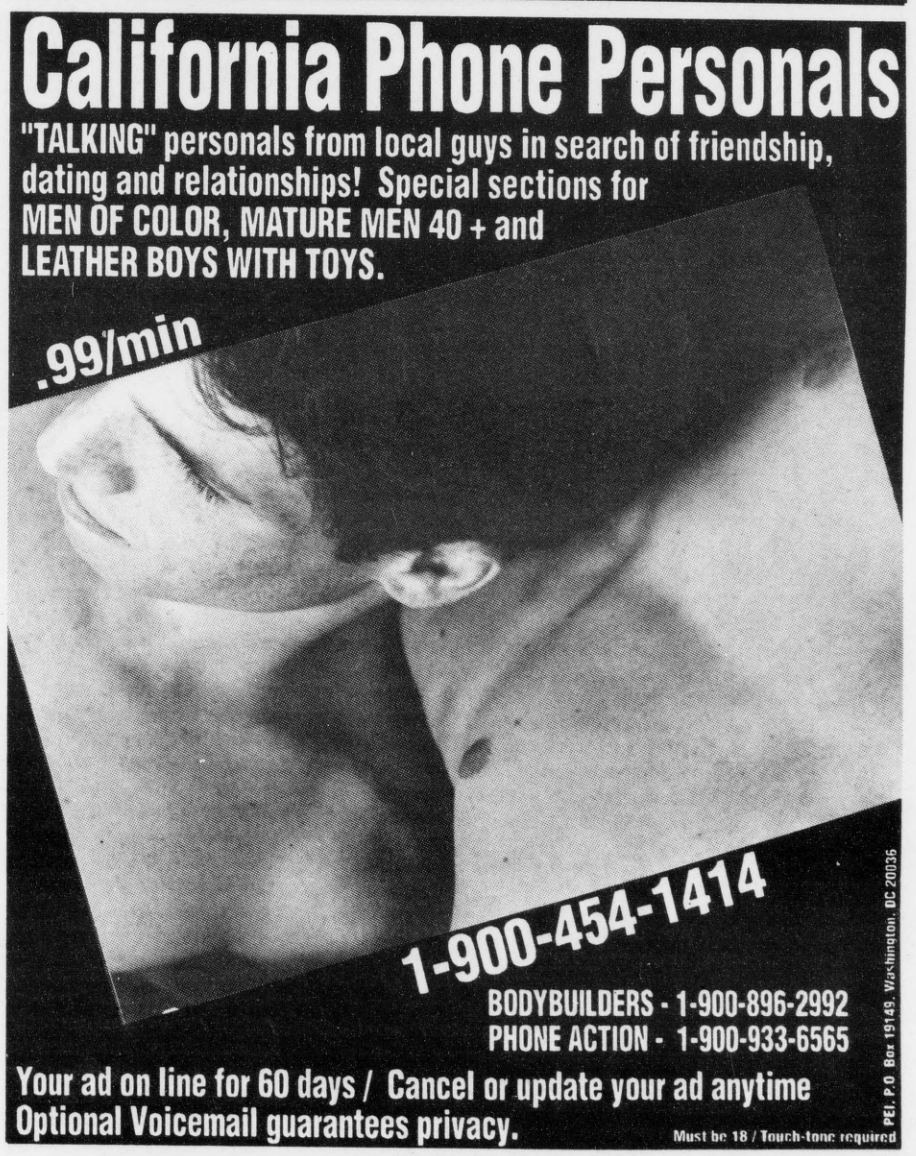
You are admired and needed in this harsh world. Mature, mannered, attractive, secure and considerate W/M lovingly adores your affectionate sweetness. Devoid of disease or drugs and indifferent to age. With gentle respect I crave our

SF Bay Times is Now Biweekly!! Next Personals Deadline Dec. 13.

The Best Places to Meet Gay Women!
Safe Sex Headquarters
1-900-844-6922
Romance Connection
1-900-844-2002
Record Free! 415-291-0310
95¢ min
LIVE one-to-one
1-900-776-0069
Voicemail Personals Too!
$1.49 min
THE FUN LINE
1-900-FUN-1990
Intros & More!
$1.95 min
THE SLEAZE LINE
1-900-303-6922
Record Free! 415-296-0678
$1 min, $2 first min
A MEETING PLACE
1-900-844-1990
Record Free! 415-398-9005
95¢ min


Come on Cowboy... ride me!
Only 99¢ per min.
$2.99/1st min.
1-800 967-HARD
1-800-945-MALE
Billed to M/C•VISA • PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE


MEN ACROSS AMERICA
1•800•388•JOCK
1-800 388-JOCK
Hot Guys!
Adult Men Only
1-800 888-MALE
$2 per min
No Credit Card? Try 1-900 288-MALE


California Phone Personals
"TALKING" personals from local guys in search of friendship, dating and relationships! Special sections for MEN OF COLOR, MATURE MEN 40 + and LEATHER BOYS WITH TOYS.
.99/min
1-900-454-1414
BODYBUILDERS - 1-900-896-2992
PHONE ACTION - 1-900-933-6565
Your ad on line for 60 days / Cancel or update your ad anytime
Optional Voicemail guarantees privacy.
Must be 18 / Touch-tone required
PEI, P.O. Box 19149, Washington, DC 20035

AN HONEST COMPANY. AN HONEST PRODUCT.

Good news-giving it or getting it-is always a pleasure. And Dial Out, your gay community phone service company, wants to share our exciting future with you.

Over the past months you've hopefully come to know us for what we offer–the best gay 'chat' lines in California. We're a gay owned and operated business that believes in giving back to our community everything it deserves. We know you've probably been burnt by the rip-offs, so we continue to make good on our guarantee: ***Honest services***. No scripted messages, no 'hired' callers, no hidden charges or credit cards necessary. Just real customers speaking to each other, one-on-one or in group scenes, assisted by our own experienced operators who understand your needs and desires. It's easy...simply press "O" to speak to an operator, and you'll be moved to any group service you wish, or go onto a private line with any other customer. You ask. We do.

Because we've asked you what you want, Dial Out lines provide you with a unique feature: ***Strictly local connections***. No '900' caller is from outside California...in fact, a West Hollywood caller connects only with others in the Los Angeles metro area, a San Franciscan with Bay Area residents, etc. People with whom you have something in common, guys you actually have a chance to meet. And while other services can't even make *this* promise, we're going to take it several steps further.

And as you'd expect from an honest company, Dial Out has a tradition of community support. Here on the West Coast, we've contributed to The Harvey Milk Gay and Lesbian Scholarship Fund and Mama's Kitchen (an organization that provides food for people with AIDS). Dial Out encourages suggestions from its callers. You can talk directly to one of our operators or drop us a line at PO Box 632850, San Diego, CA 92163-2850.

So watch for our announcement over the next few months and get ready for a whole new world of revolutionary gay phone services. Affordable, uncomplicated, honest...now and into the future.

SINCE 1986
DIAL
FOR REAL

SAN FRANCISCO GREATER METRO AREA

GAY OWNED

No Credit Card Required

79¢ A MINUTE

$1.95 CONNECTION CHARGE

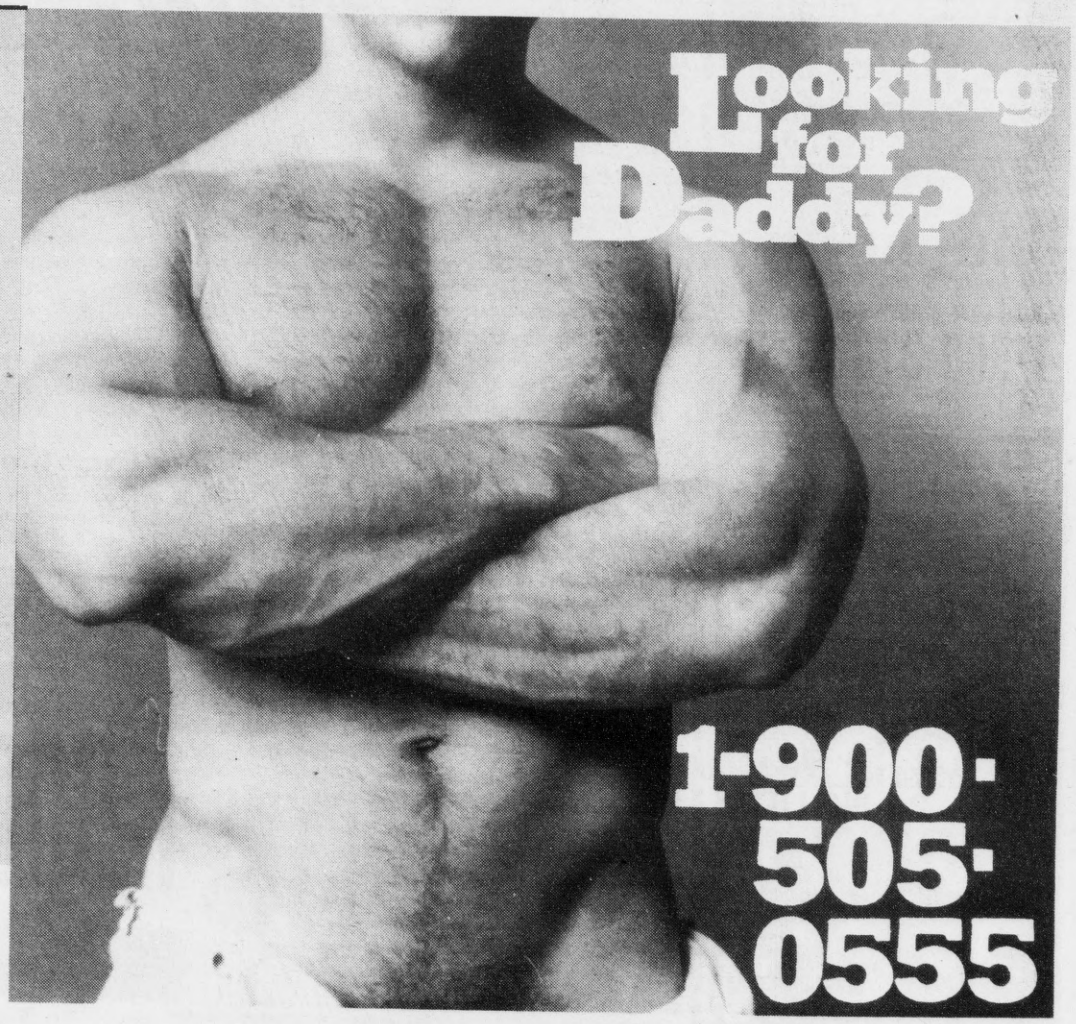
California GTE Customers: 45¢/call surcharge applies

GOING PRIVATE

Press "0" to signal one of our own experienced operators to go one-on-one with the man of your choice!

All Local Area Customers

GAY OPERATED



SINCE 1986 DIAL FOR REAL

If you see an ad with "Call ★★" dial 1-900-844-2GAY

ONLY 96¢ a minute!

Notice to Call Star Advertisers:

Please Record Your Greeting Now! They're waiting to hear your voice! Call 415-291-9678

esoteric and sensual blending. Everyone answered. Kisses, C. Reply BT Box DC84A.

Handsome Irishman

GWM, 26, 6', 150 lbs., blu/brwn masc. professional, nonsmoker, HIV –, enjoys dogs, movies, dancing, music. Not heavily into the bar scene. Seeking masculine, muscular, clean-shaven HIV – guys to date. Photo appreciated. Reply PO Box 460024, SF 94146.

Southern Boy

Romantic, artist/photographer seeks honest, emotionally available man interested in developing a mutually caring, supportive relationship. I'm healthy, 39 years old, 5'6", 130 lbs. I love country, disco, blues and jazz; theater (George Coats to Kathy & Mo) camping, hiking and massage. My "type" has a warm smile, friendly eyes, masculine and loves to cuddle. Shared interest is not essential but you must be spontaneous and flexible, sexually versatile, and unpretentious. Call ★★4880.

"Kevin Fagan" Look-Alikes

This 5'8", 158#, brown/blue, mustached, HIV –, self-employed, GWM wants to gain big yardage with you. This good ball handler wants a well-built, stocky, masculine, HIV – GWM with similar interests. Mine are: 49'er football, travel, C&W and classical music, films, good books, dancing and sex (no S/M). I'm 48 years old and am looking for someone 40-55 who's financially stable. No drugs, smoking or heavy drinking. C'mon, make a pass and maybe score a touchdown. Reply BT Box DC85A or call ★★4881.

Young Guy Wanted

GWM, attractive, 25, trim, athletic, very healthy and clean, inexperienced, sincere, seeks to meet younger and trim guy. Promise to answer your response. Photo please. Reply BT Box DC86A.

Handsome HIV –

man wants a date. Am bright, gym-defined, mustachioed & clear blue-eyed, substance-free, young-looking 42 professional/writer. Main occupations: working and writing; meditation and movies; body-building and healthy eating; reading novels and reaching out. Seeking GWM who is masculine, independent, responsible, and true from SF, Sonoma, Marin, or Berkeley who's interested in touching and exploring intimacy with Santa Rosa resident. (Prefer returnable photo.) Reply BT Box DC87A or call ★★4882.

Top Muscular Man Wanted

I am a novice but not virgin 22 yo GWM. I fantasize on a man with a great muscular body who penetrates me without hurting. I am 5'11", slim built, clean-shaven, short hair, somewhat boyish and want an older man (30-50), virile, gentle and experienced, with a great build, willing to teach me the enjoyment of sodomy. Call ★★4883.

Russian River Retreat

GWM, 33, 5'7", 165, br/br, Spanish/Italian; teacher. Strong body, slight mustache, hairy chest. HIV –, light smoker, moderate drinker. Enjoys outdoors, fireside cuddling, massage, gardening, cooking, painting, beaches, photography; other activities. Looking for younger, smooth, clean cut, HIV –, North Bay professional or student. Light smoker, moderate drinker, occasional pot OK; no other drugs. Your returnable photo gets mine. PO Box 421, Monte Rio 95462 or call ★★4885.

Ready To Try Again

Reserved good-looking career-oriented GLM 40, 5'5", 170#, dark brown eyes, short brown hair greying at the temples, moustache, sincere, well-educated (Ph.D. student), sexually versatile, HIV –, employed (nurse psychotherapist). Family is important to me. Enjoy aerobics, symphony, walk along the beach, exploring the city and the wine country. Would like to learn to two-step, would you teach me? Seeking warm-hearted, sincere, compassionate, sexually versatile, non-pretentious, relationship-oriented HIV – GWM, GBM, GAM, non-smoker, non-drugger, non-to-light drinker. Weight in proportion to height,. 35-45. You are able to stand on your own two feet, are sure of yourself, can communicate what you want and are comfortable with your gayness and with public affection. Would also prefer a man who is middle of the road with regard to the masculine-femininity spectrum, not too macho and not too feminine. Photo (xerox) welcomed. Please respond to BT Box DC88A or call ★★4886.

Cornfed Boy

Down to earth, easygoing, "regular" guy. Likes music, especially rock-n-roll. Dk blond hair, hazel eyes, 165 lbs., 5'10", nice face, 30 yrs. old. Looking for a fun, secure guy. Someone who doesn't try to impress people and likes to laugh (not too serious). I don't care if you don't have a great body, I don't; but I like a guy whose height is proportionate to weight. I'm much more attracted to a guy's face than body. Prefer guys who are close to my age (25-40). Please write or leave message in my voice mail. Reply BT Box DC89A or call ★★4887.

I'm Too Sexy For My Cat

GWM, 29, br/gr, 6'2", 215, cute, built/slightly chunky, HIV+, artist, funny, well-read, very oversexed. Looking for other HIV+ GWMs, sexual and fun, urban, confident, oversexed, Gr/a/p aggressive top/bottoms, 25-40, in good enough shape to dance or screw all night without drugs. Marriage is not in my day-timer, just dates or maybe boyfriends if the chemistry's good. Photo or (truthful) letter c/o Adversary, Box 87, 519 Castro 94114.

Metalsmithing, Woodworking, Engraving, (Hand-Machine, Glass-Metal), Oil Painting, Chemistry, Physics, Machine Shop, Welding, (Gas, Arc, Tig, Mig), Etching (Copper Plate), Printing, (Litho-Letterpress), Process Dark Room, Stone Litho, Woodcuts, Electroplating, Computer, and a bunch of other stuff. Any of this interest you? If so drop me a note; include phone no. All answered. Me: Late 40s, brn/brn, 170 lbs., biker type, long hair, spare tire, (pot belly), loyal dog, versatile, but mainly top. Looking for a permanent relationship. R. POB 25148, San Mateo 94402.

Wanna See My Damoclean Sword?

If my elliptical way of telling you that I'm HIV+ hasn't scared you away, you might actually like what you read. Hi! I'm a 27-year-old blond haired, green eyed graphic artist and two-bit publisher. I'm 6', a lean 160#, with Germanic looks, a wry smile, and a mighty organ perfect for mutual French and Greek pillaging. I'd love to hear from strapping, shapely lads somewhere between 20 and 40 for dinner, Scrabble, and civic adventure. Come on! Drop me a line at PO Box 31431, SF 94131. Your photo(copy) gets mine. Relationship possible, but don't expect children. Call ★★4888.

Cute, Smart and Single

You too? Gay Boy 30, 6'4", 205, blond/blue, attractive, open minded, romantic, versatile/top, passionate, smart & fun. I love interesting talk, nature, politics, The Box, long walks, Ella Fitzgerald and the B-52s, holding hands, great food, pot, The New York Times, kissing, strong coffee and hot safe sex. I dislike Republicans, mushrooms, attitude and the truly self-absorbed. I'm hoping to meet a bright, genuine, slender, boy 18-35, HIV+/–, any race, but Asian a plus, for dates and possibilities including friendship, sex, love, and who knows. Call ★★4889, Peace.

Bottoms Up!

While standing in front of me you begin to bend over. The sight of your dangling balls and your uncut meat sends a surge through my loins and makes my long black tool come to full attention. You spread your cheeks, exposing your pink moist treasure, showing me exactly where I want to be—inside of you. I am HIV+, 40, 5'10", 155. Reply BT Box DC90A.

Something's Missing

I have spent so much time working lately that I have forgotten what it's like to spend time with a special someone. I am a hairy GHM, 30, 5'10", 230. I enjoy movies, baseball, swimming and travel. I am straight acting and prefer the same. I am looking for a friendship and ? I prefer a fun, intelligent, masculine guy 25-35. Reply BT Box DC91A or call ★★4890.

"Just Can't Figure It Out"

One minute I'm fantasizing about husky, virile 50-year-olds with big cocks and attitude, the next I'm dreaming about the short, beautiful, wildly intelligent kid of 26 who used to live downstairs. As for me, I'm 44, GWM, 5'6", 140, HIV –, hairy, moustached, good-looking (I guess), oral, romantic, sensual and, yep, confused. (Maybe it's the caffeine.) Suggestions? Letters? Photos? Phone sex? Erotic correspondence? A date? One night? Or a lifetime of love & sharing? Reply BT Box DC92A.

I've Got Life, Brother

Can you trip your way through the end of the 21st century and beyond? HIV+, 28 yo GWM, 5'10", 200 pudgy lbs., long black curls, dark, soulful eyes, darker psyche seeks out the real deal: Men who've already experienced themselves in others and are ready to move on to someone who's entirely different. I'm direct, abrasive, intolerant, indifferent, sexy, hideous, irresistable, irrepressible, irreversible. I hope to fascinate you as much as you fascinate me. Figuring you out is half the fun, having you is the other half. All this fun makes it easy to live in this difficult age. Photos (especially explicit ones) returned. Gifts (especially expensive ones) kept. Reply BT Box DC93A or call ★★4884.

Just My Type

Are you the cute, long-haired, clean-shaven, wire-rim glasses type? Soft spoken, intelligent and probably an introvert? Fond of reading and nature? This bright, clean-cut, muscular GWM (36, 5'10", 180) would like to meet you...for friendship, outings and maybe some cuddling. PO Box 190042, SF 94119 or call ★★4891.

Young White Male 18-25

I'm looking for a young white male who is sincere, intelligent, articulate, attractive, masculine, and who has a trim, boyish swimmer's body with minimal body hair. Someone who would be interested in a buddy/"kid brother"/mentor (not S/M) relationship with a GWM 40-years-old, 5'9", 150 pounds, HIV –. I'm sensitive, emotional, affectionate, and a good listener. I don't use tobacco, alcohol, or other recreational drugs and I don't like the bar scene. I enjoy movies, reading, long walks, weekends away, and time with friends. Send me a note along with your photograph and say hello but please don't waste my time or yours if you do not fit the description above. Write to: Boxholder, 2261 Market St., #451, SF 94114.

How Long Is Your...

ponytail? Long-haired, softspoken, strawberry blond, mid-30s, clean-shaven, decent-looking, HIV –, 5'8", 150, with smiling green Irish eyes, wants a few new friends. I get a kick out of long-haired guys, value integrity and kindness, don't care for tobacco or selfishness. Varied interests,

XXX PHONE FANTASIES
REALLY CHEAP!
200 HOT SELECTIONS
GAY OR STRAIGHT
UNCENSORED!
DIRECT BILLING INFO 412-243-1170
CREDIT CARD 303-595-0051

LIVE
One-on-One
Get advice on almost ANY topic
from your professional psychic
1-900-370-4377
$2.95 per min.
ESP Assoc., 4204 Roseville, #112, N. Highland, CA 95660

LIVING ON THE EDGE
Choose your category...
Hear provocative talking personals, find out what turns each caller on, and get private home phone numbers so you can make FAST direct contact!
LEATHER MEN SM/BD
CROSS DRESSERS TV/TS
BLACK MEN & MORE
YOUNG GUYS 18-25
CALL 24 HOURS
1-900-737-EDGE
$1.69 per minute • Callers must be 18 or over
LIVE OPERATOR ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ROTARY CALLERS
Phone Zone, 322 Mall Blvd., #166, Monroeville, PA 15146

Meet a new guy, tonight!
BAY AREA!

Hear local men
...tell you about themselves
...tell you their desires
...tell you their phone numbers
Record your own message
...for other guys to hear, if you want
...thousands of local men already have
OUR PROMISES
1) Today's ads will be different than yesterday's.
2) Get real private phone numbers— no codes, fake ads, or voicemail.
3) We won't waste your time or money with "straight" ads.
Call now... the Metro Connection
1-900-288-GUYS
99¢ per min. + $1 connection charge
Touchtone AND rotary callers welcome!
For Bay Area men, choose 6
Must be 18 or older • Phone Power, Inc./(412) 572-6456

adventuresome, playful, contemplative. Give fabulous hot oil massage. Size 9 shoe. Your beach or mine? Reply BT Box DC94A or call ★★4892.

Yuppie Spanking
Think you look really hot in your business suit, power tie and polished wingtips? Think you can trample your way up the corporate ladder but are too big to get spanked? Have a handsome, clean-shaven look? Then let this masculine GAM take you down a few pegs. Visiting SF. Photo gets reply first. PO Box 1361, Boston, MA 02104. So, have you been naughty or nice?

Attention!
Fats, femmes, dopers, drinkers, smokers, financially insecure, emotionally unstable, spiritually unevolved, bisexuals, drag queens, whiners, HIV+, queer-acting, queer-appearing, S/M, role-players, unemployed, irresponsible, over 30, over 40, over 50, out of shape, phonies, game-players, or other undesireables, please call ★★4893.

Christmas Cums Early
I'm 33, look much younger, 5'9", 160, sandy blond/blue eyes, clean-shaven, good-looking all-American contractor. I'm athletic, romantic with a great sense of humor, good personality. My interests are: weekend getaways, movies, sports, cuddling, kissing and much more. My attraction is meeting a good-looking GWM, early 20s to mid 20s, clean-shaven with a good personality who enjoys life, has a good sense of humor, who is romantic. Who knows how to communicate and is honest. Sexually versatile. Dark hair is a plus. Please send brief note with photo, which will be returned. Reply BT Box DC95A or call ★★4894.

Somebody To Love
Don't you want somebody to love. Yes it was a song and you heard it some years back. But it's true, I would love to love somebody, not just a trick either. But someone who could share the same things that I like, and like me for who and what I am. And that is a 30 yo Italian GWM, dark haired (full head of hair) man, moustache, brown eyes, 5'7", 145#, in shape body from gym (of course), nonsmoking, HIV–, great smile. Twisted sense of humor and a special gift to enjoy life to the fullest. Love the outdoors but also the city life and the night life of dinner, movies, plays, dancing but also like my home life as well. Somewhat of a home body (but not a couch potato). My man would be, yes, man, not a boy, trick, chicken, freak, or flake bar fly, drag queen, but a man with all the manly features, moustache, dark hair, size not important but I like men bigger than me with an in-shape body, 30s-40s age range. Would like to hear from you at 584 Castro, #287, SF 94114 with photo or call ★★4895.

Kinky Party Boys
Muscular mid-30s GWM to connect with other hot party dudes for games, fantasies, bondage, humiliation, head-trips, nasty scenes. Let me know what you're into. Esp. like younger guys, alternative types, 3-ways. Call ★★4896.

Cum, Let's Lay-Away For Christmas
and into the New Year; you be 18-35, GM any race, enjoy the company of a mature professional GWM 50, 5'9", 180 muscular, HIV–, graying beard/mustache, cut, shaved-large bangers, sense of humor, enjoy outdoors, and getting it on indoors; you, muscular, dependable, enjoy conversation, cuddly, sensual, massage, able to compete with adorable cat creatures. Let's help Santa with our own Ho-Ho-Ho. Reply BT Box DC96A or call ★★4897.

Blond Honest Top Is HIV+
Seeking a serious relationship. I'm loving, aggressive, top, cuddly, artistic, and eclectic. Desire masculine bottom who is open, good-looking, in shape, hairy arms/legs. Tend to levitate to a man near 30, dark hair/eyes but am open. Letter & picture to Box 191663, SF 94119 or call ★★4898.

Daddy Toy
Attr. WM, 56, 6, 165, beard, body tatts (incl. C & B & butt to A-Hole) piercings, deep butterfly subincision, grade AA lowhangers, xxxx deep-throat, submits to vicious S-Top. S/M, B&D, CBT, TT, W/S, electro, whips, dildoes, FF, needle work, caths, sounds, suturing, enigma, heavy control, you name it, we do it. Top sets limits. Any age, race. Top singles, couples (+), groups. Medic big +. Can host my playroom. Box 302, 1117 Geary, SF 94109 or call ★★4899.

Straight-Appearing, Handsome
GWM, 31, 6'2", 170, brown/green, looking to meet a good-looking, masculine white male who is intelligent, in good shape, and wants to date a caring, energetic professional. I'm attracted to hard working guys who don't smoke, have lots of energy and enjoy spending their weekends outdoors. I'm HIV– and enjoy kissing, oral sex and sleeping together. Returnable photo/phone to Boxholder, PO Box 1039, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★4900.

Sophisticated Stud
Very handsome, intelligent, professional, HIV–, masculine male, 38, with nice body seeks sex and companionship with versatile masculine man with nice butt and outgoing personality. Facial hair and self-confidence desirable, nice body and sense of humor essential. Partner wanted for intimate dinners, sensual massage and fantasy exploration. Looks are important so please be physically fit, sexy and very attractive. PO Box 190063, SF 94119 or call ★★4901.

Suit And Tie
Tall, yuppie, preppy, GWM, 6'4", 195, 32, wants to add a personal side to a busy professional, goal-oriented life. I enjoy the theater, travel, English mystery novels and exploring restaurants. If you have a suit and tie lifestyle, are at least 5'11", under 40, NS, light drinking, ND, HIV–, let's talk and compare To Do lists. Reply BT Box DC97A or call ★★4902.

Foreskin!
If you like it, I've got alot of it and want to share it. Cut/uncut welcome. Reply to TNM, POB 460795, SF 94146.

Leather Pup
seeks daddy to teach him sexual restraint. Dad will need to be big, fit and furry to control this 6', 165# smooth ahtlete. Boy is independent, active and outgoing with diverse interests ranging from immunology to irrigation. He seeks training in the sexual alphabet from a warm, affectionate Daddy-bear. Recent photo brings prompt reply. BT Box DC98A or call ★★4903.

Assume The Position...
over my knee for quick, fun slaps with my hand or until your beefy buns glow. Gdlkng GWM, 20s, friendly, nicely endowed, good hands, will administer well-deserved warming to your rear if you are under 30 & in good shape. Wear your tightest jeans & get over my knee to fulfill your discipline fantasies. Sound good? Then I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box DC99A or call ★★4904.

Practicing Emotional Availability
is difficult when there's no one to practice with. GWM, 39, look 29, 5'9", brn, brn Cauc., hung, sincere, positive (+) recovering from substance abuse and dysf. relationships. Want to meet other with similar stats, slender, gym toned, HIV+, Cauc. and emotionally available. Interested in mutual intimacy. Hopefully relationship. I'm versatile and have many interests. Call ★★4905.

Husky Dad
Masculine, good-looking, bearded, HIV–, clean, straight-acting-and-looking sports-minded dad looking for same or hairy cubs to cuddle. Facial photo and phone number get immediate response. PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★4906.

Wanted-Someone Special
I am not looking for a little brother, father figure, or one night stand. However, I would like to meet a professional someone, to age 35, who is charming, has personality and wit, integrity, who's masculine, handsome, knows who they are and where they're going, and knows an honest relationship takes open communication, commitment and honesty. I believe in romance, love, and all that goes with it, but, know that it takes effort. I'm a professional GWM, 30, HIV–, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, masculine, and told attractive. I've built a successful career and am looking for someone similar to share life's ups and downs with. So take a chance and let's talk. Reply Box 3149, Walnut Creek 94598 or call ★★4907.

Heart, Mind, Body, Soul
Clean and sober, nonsmoking, wildly affectionate GWM, 36, 5'10", 160, funny, friendly, interesting, intelligent, left-minded, musical, earthy, playful, masculine, versatile, adventurous, bearded, fairly hairy and HIV–, seeks spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual connection with a similar self-respecting man, preferably in recovery. Write: Boxholder, 2261 Market #153, SF 94114 or call ★★4908.

Reality Check
I am not looking for a super handsome, gym addict, HIV–, with an attitude. Let's get real. What I am looking for is a QWM, 30-40, lean, HIV+, slightly off-center sense of humor, and enjoys sex. The color of your eyes, the length/lack of hair or your dick size is not important. Being comfortable with who you are, and respecting others, is. I am QWM, 36, average looks, lean, HIV+, very sexual, politically active, interesting, somewhat jaded man. Let's talk. Call ★★4712.

Still Looking
Handsome GWM, 52 (looks 40), masculine, slim, hairy chest, HIV–, nonsmoker, moustache, 7" cut, Greek active; French active/passive, 5'7", 135#, blue eyes, brown/gray hair, intelligent, sense of humor, career-minded, seeks very special man for love relationship. You are: 18-35, masculine, HIV–, nonsmoker, employable, slim, relocatable, under 5'9" and good-looking. You're also stable, have a brain, and don't use hard drugs or heavy drinking. I seek love, not just sex. Photo required (returnable). I live near San Jose and connected to the music industry. Write to: Dean, PO Box 620, Redwood Estates 95044. Prefer white or Hispanic.

Hey There, You With the Stars in Your Eyes
I'm a 49-year-old, large-bodied, bear-like man, looking for a relationship with—maybe you? Or, as the song says, "It would be thrilling if you were willing!" I like all kinds of movies, music, theater, romantic evenings, etc. I play piano, guitar, and sing. I have a dangerously quick wit—often ironic and rapacious. My politics are definitely left. Sincerity/genuineness transcends looks; and affection definitely wins over orgasm (well, usually). If this is at all provocative, give a call or write. Reply BT Box NV109B or call ★★4713.

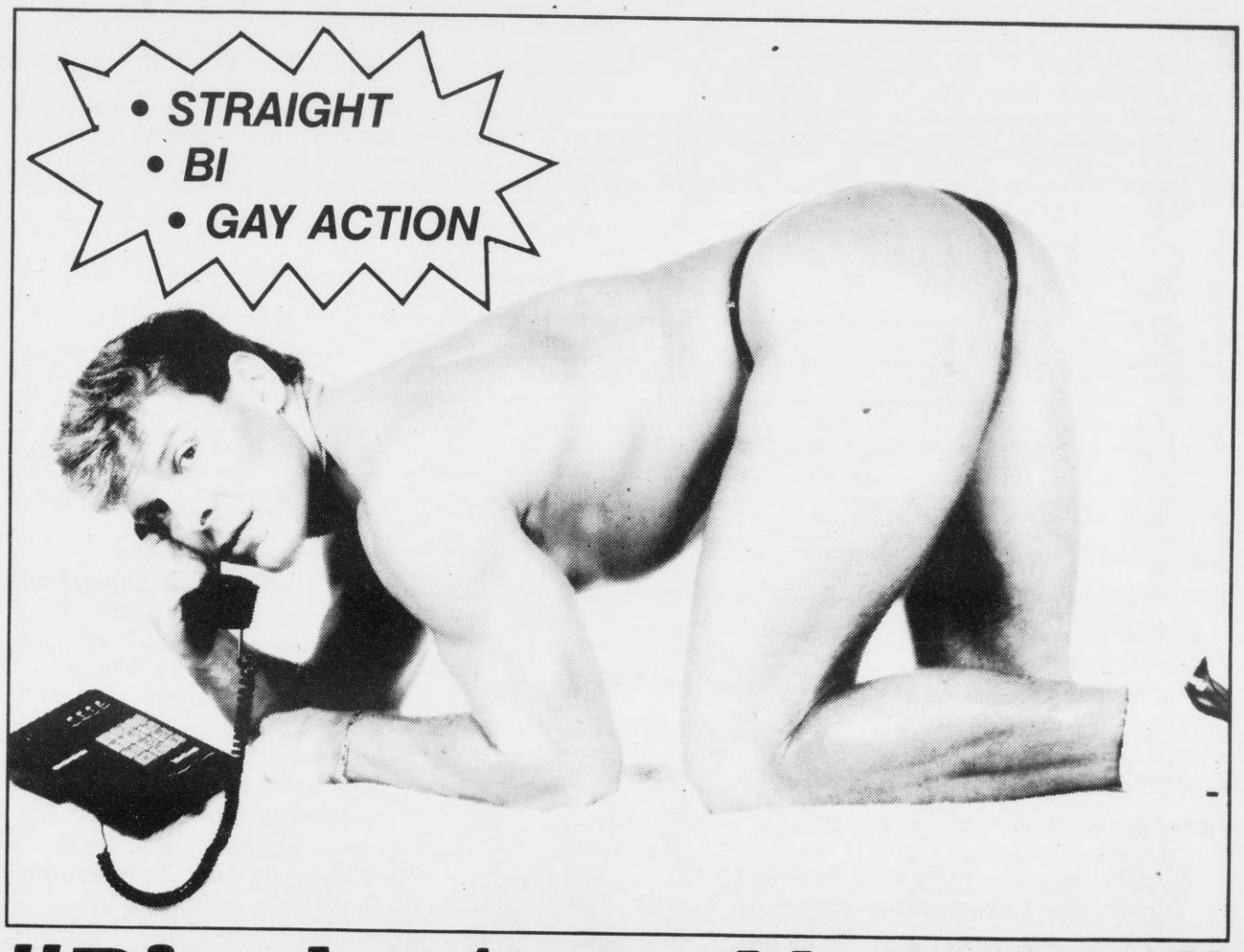
Your Move
32-year-old GWM, down to earth professional

"Tell me about your first time!"

1-800-677-MENN

6 3 6 6

99¢ per 1/2 min. Billed to your MC/VISA as 4600 Inc.



"Big, hot and horny."

1-800-888-HUNK

4 8 6 5

Billed to your MC/VISA as Lion Telesys 99¢ per 1/2 min.

would like to meet assertive masculine man late 20s to early 40s, who is attracted to bald but otherwise hairy men for a monogamous relationship. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs, HIV–, and enjoy outdoors, rock 'n' roll, rollercoasters, 49ers, as well as walks through the Castro. I'm intermittently outgoing, occasionally shy & generally allow others to make the first move sexually. Anyone interested? Reply BT Box NV110B or call ★★4714.

Now Available

Warm, lovable, and handsome GWM, 5'10", 175, blue eyes, br/gray hair, moustache, 52, seeks younger man for romantic dating and possible long-term mate. You are attractive, fit, easygoing, and have a sense of humor. Hairy and baldness plusses. Outdoors-oriented triple plusses. HIV– preferred. Masculine a must. Let's hike in the woods and see what chemistry lurks. Send note with photo to Reply BT Box NV111B or call ★★4715.

Seeking a Honey

GBM, 38, 150, 5'11" is seeking a warm, sensitive, caring, intelligent individual who can deal with a quick wit and sharp tongue. I am positive, HIV and outlook. I am mostly top and good-looking. I really turn on to guys with big round buns and/or large uncut cocks. I hope to find someone close to my age. Reply BT Box NV112B.

Reach at Random

You can't force love; you can't make a partnership appear and I can't stop this haunting desire for love in relationship. So, I reach at random. Affectionate and honest, aware and articulate, thoughtful and provocative, eccentric and comical, fluid and strong I stand. 5'8", blond and blue eyed. Noticeable, physically fit, 34 HIV– and wise. I am many things not always apparent; sometimes unfocused, yet I like it that way. I love sex, play, touch, movement, conversation, dance, psychology and someone being only a phone call away. If you are interested in partnership, meet me. Seeking an intelligent, provocative and attractive-sexy man. 30-40 yrs. old. HIV–; tolerence, reciprocity, embracing and embraceable; willing to know more than a body is requested. Reply BT Box NV113B.

Who are You?

Not looking for a phony baloney man who is out to impress or is being fake. Myself, very honest, direct and communicative. I'm GWM, 6'4", 198, brown, 28, good-looking and take care of myself (HIV–). Love the outdoors, sports, movies, etc. Not into bars, drugs or smokers. Would like to meet a nice looking man who's seeking a down to earth honest man. 28-45. Please drop a line. Say hi. Reply BT Box NV114B or call ★★4716.

Unique Connection

Attractive, educated, sensuous, French guy, 34, with charms, tall, clean-shaven, great personality enjoys friendships, romance, arts, cultures, travels, nature, sports, food, the city, etc. searching for a handsome, unique all-American guy, honest, with great qualities, ready to share a unique connection and more, through creative language and energy exchanges. Reply: Box 10912, Oakland 94610 or call ★★4717.

Romance and Lust

This 25 yo boy, 6 ft. and 175 lbs., wants to meet a man to explore passion with. He must be mature (between 24 and 35 yo), healthy, sincere, intelligent, and enjoy passion. He must like slow walks along the beach, nights filled with lust and long quiet mornings together in each other's arms. He must also believe that tenderness and honesty are more desirable than shallow pretence and games. If you are this type of man and you are looking for more than just one night of sex, then please give me a call. The possibilities are endless. Call ★★4718.

Top Party Boys

Masculine, muscular, mid-30s GWM needs to get down with one (or two) party dudes. Let's use our imagination for kinky games, fantasies, things you've always wanted to try (bondage, humiliation, role-plays, scenes, all OK). QN or other alternative lifestyle types esp. encouraged. Singles or buddies feel free to answer. Call ★★4719.

Volcanic Eruptions

will be released when the key to this very handsome, sensual, erotic & professional man's heart and soul is unlocked by his "Mr. Right." I'm seeking a warm, sensitive, physically fit, handsome & loving man who is equally interested in becoming involved in a meaningful, lasting relationship. I'm 42, 185 lbs, 6'2", brown hair & eyes, mustached, tan & hairy. Love romantic dinners, walks on the beach, movies, music, dancing, trips & generally spending quality time cuddled up next to my "Mr. Wonderful." I'm extremely affectionate, terrific kisser, very healthy, HIV–, exercise daily, nonsmoker and would expect my partner to be the same. Call ★★4720.

The Gift of Love for Christmas?

Goodlooking GWM, fit, 39, 6'2", 170#, HIV–, balding, light brown, gray at temples, blond mustache, electric blue eyes, light body hair. Educated, professional, PC Consultant. Enjoys: swimming, Natilus, Startrek TNG, science fiction, dining, camping, movies, board games, massage, sensual and sustained love making. Looking for a fit gay male, HIV–, nonsmoker, any race, from 35-45, who is interested in developing a domestic partnership. Both you and I are emotionally available, effective communicators, trusting (trust is earned and required), mutually supportive of each other's goals, value relationships and friendships, willing to work through the difficult times to share life's wonders. Possibilities include: being a gym partner, seeing the coast highway, traveling abroad, utilizing sweat equity... Having sex is great but making love gets better each time! Photo a plus. Reply BT Box NV115B or call ★★4721.

Wanna Be Your Pussy

You're 50ish, 5'9"+, heavy set, blue collar masculine, HIV–, a horny top who'll enjoy my bottom. I'm 5'6", 145 lbs., 44, in-shape body, OK looks, HIV–. Usually masculine, but a forceful kiss from a dominant lover-man and I'm a submissive, bottom-up pussy. Yours? Safe sex only. PO Box 190983, SF 94119 or call ★★4722.

Natural Man

Do you get that special buzz when walking through a redwood grove? Or while hiking on green hills overlooking the Pacific? I'm looking for a man who does, who's down-to-earth, grounded, passionate, who takes care of his body and stretches his limits. I'm 41, 6', 160 lbs, HIV–, brown hair/beard, hazel eyes, athletic, fit, sane. I have a passion for the outdoors, exercise regularly, love backpacking, hiking and camping. My politics lean to the left/environmental. I love music (rock to Bach), appreciate quick minds, loving hearts, and skin-to-skin contact. I'm primed for a rousing, lusty romance with a like-minded man. If this ad is talking to you, write (with photo) and let me hear about it. Reply Boxholder, Box 170426, SF 94117.

Late Bloomer

41-year-old GWM, recently out and looking for a special person to share my life. I'm 5'6", 155 lbs, gray hair (balding), blue eyes, hirsute, HIV–. I enjoy the "usual" cultural events, cooking, music, comedy clubs, the outdoors, good conversation, and entertaining. Hopefully, we can share some interests and learn new ones from each other. You are GWM within 10 years of my age, HIV–, light-to-non-drinker, intelligent, articulate, affectionate, financially and psychologically stable. You like (or can tolerate) dogs. Most of all, you are looking for a long-term, exclusive relationship where you can share yourself. East Bay preferred. Reply BT Box NV116B or call ★★4723.

Tall, slim, 40-year-old strong willed, shy man with beard and brown/gray thinning hair would like to make friends. Likes hairiness, driving the coast, boots/leather, thunderstorms, armpits and science/technology. Also appreciate canvas, leather and rubber-clothing gear such as coveralls, WW2 flyboy sheepskins, and uniforms. Computer animation, Smithsonian, walking in the rain; big hands, ears and feet; Xmas and design are all turn-ons. Reply BT Box NV117B.

I'll Be Good to You

I'm early 40s, "bear" type, stocky build, beard, looking for a steady boyfriend. I like Saturday night movie dates, weekends away, outdoors, travel, animals. You're slightly younger and smaller than me, looking for commitment, nonsmoker, no alcohol or drugs, any race. We each have busy lives but our time together will be special. I'm a great catch and serious about this process. Reply BT Box NV118B or call ★★4724.

Where Are You?

GWM, 30, 5'10", 140 pounds, HIV+, seeking a GWM between 30-45 years old. Must be in good shape and be sensitive and sincere. I like spending time together, dinners, the Russian River and just having a special man beside me. I'm mostly versatile and 100% safe. Hope to hear from you soon. PO Box 460672. SF 94146-0672 or call ★★4725.

We Won't Rest Until You Are Satisfied Socially

Next Deadline for All Ads: Dec 13 for Dec 19

How To Respond to a "Call Star" Personal Ad

CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through Feb 5. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ Women ☐ Men ☐ Bisexual ☐ Social Groups ☐ Shared Interests

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

_____ ☐ Reply Bay Times Mail Box

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00
☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:
____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . _____
☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____
☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . _____
_____ Number of insertions:
Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . _____
Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . _____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you
☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

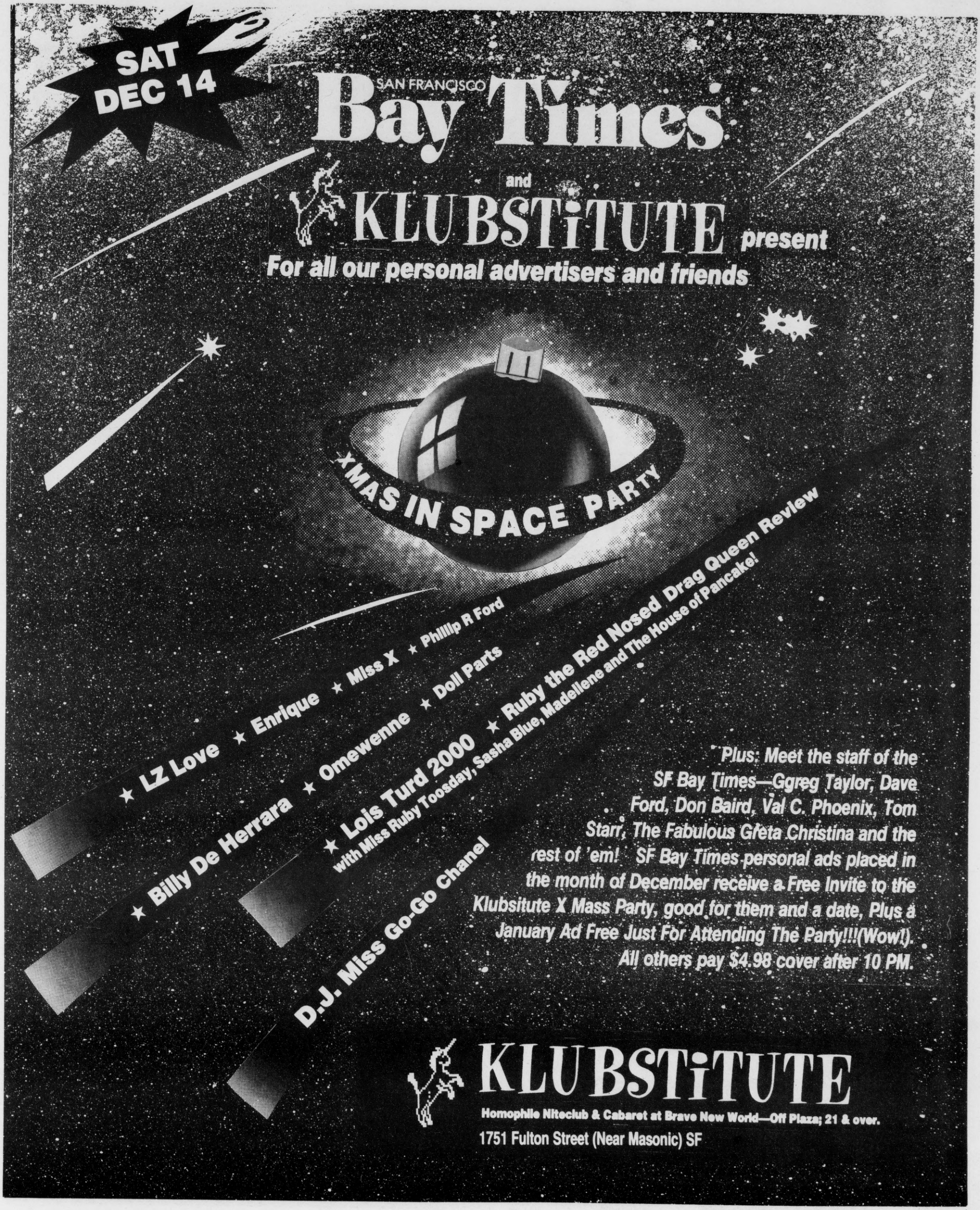
Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.


SAT
DEC 14
SAN FRANCISCO
Bay Times
and
KLUBSTiTUTE
present
For all our personal advertisers and friends
X-MAS IN SPACE PARTY
★ LZ Love ★ Enrique ★ Miss X ★ Phillip R Ford
★ Billy De Herrara ★ Omewenne ★ Doll Parts
★ Lois Turd 2000 ★ Ruby the Red Nosed Drag Queen Review
with Miss Ruby Toosday, Sasha Blue, Madellene and The House of Pancake!
D.J. Miss Go-Go Chanel
Plus: Meet the staff of the SF Bay Times—Ggreg Taylor, Dave Ford, Don Baird, Val C. Phoenix, Tom Starr, The Fabulous Greta Christina and the rest of 'em! SF Bay Times personal ads placed in the month of December receive a Free Invite to the Klubsitute X Mass Party, good for them and a date, Plus a January Ad Free Just For Attending The Party!!!(Wow!). All others pay $4.98 cover after 10 PM.
KLUBSTiTUTE
Homophile Niteclub & Cabaret at Brave New World—Off Plaza; 21 & over.
1751 Fulton Street (Near Masonic) SF

If you
can't afford
higher rent,
you can't
afford the
landlords'
candidate,
Frank Jordan.

Mayor Art Agnos

*Always a fighter
for renters' rights.*

Mayor Art Agnos endorsed by The Affordable Housing Alliance and The San Francisco Tenants Union

VOTE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

Agnos for Mayor • 810 Van Ness • SF 94109 • To volunteer, call 346-0800

Photo by Marc Geller